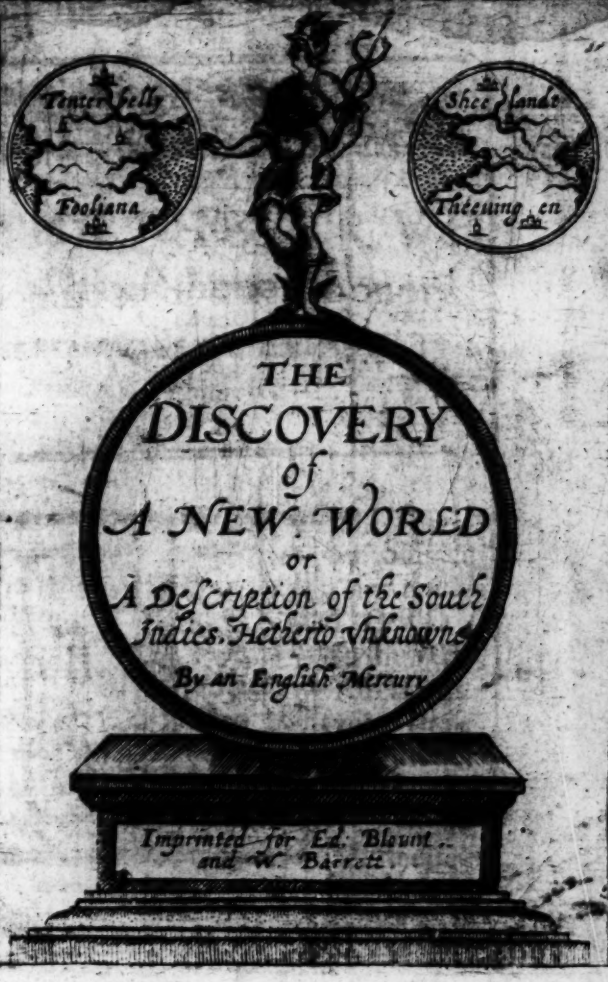

THE DISCOVERY of A NEW WORLD or A Description of the South Indies. Hetherto Vnknowne.

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TO THE TRVE mirror of trueſt honor, WILLIAM Earle of *Pembroke.*

IF IT BE an offence (my noble LORD) to ſhew our Affections vnto thoſe wee honor in any obiect of dutyfullneſſe whatſoeuer: then haue I offended, and muſt kneele

for remission. But if soue and gratitude be lawdable effects, in what forme soeuer they appeare, then haue not I broken any condition of *decorum*, in consecrating this worke to your illustrious honour. It bare the badge of an honorable Patron in the originall: and I could make it doe no lesse in the translation. And for mine election, the worlds generall decay of the esteeme of learning, in those breasts that haue best meanes to support it, and the farre-spread fame of your glory, by that Phœnix-bounty that hath left all the land to build her nest in your bosome, these motiues haue more then induced mee to approache so neere that bright lustre your Honour lights the world with, as to beare one part in the Hymnes of your prayses, by this dutifull dedication. And (good my Lord) herein bee you my seauen-fold shield against the shott of all those blistered mouthes, whose most felicitie is to mis-interprete most

mali-

maliciouſlie: Or doe but giue mee foote-holde, and then let mee alone to beate all their diſgraces about their owne eares, and the whole worlds, in a true Satyrick furie; in an *Arioſtoes* Swanne, that ſhall ſnatch their names from times all-waſting skirt, and beare them vp, to euer-laſting recorde in the Temple of Infamie. But for my dutie to your ſacred vertues, let this expreſſe mee: I will bee that *Bolognian* dogge, whoſe faith purchaſed him this Epitaph: that hee did alwayes

Latrai a ladri,& a gli amanti tacqui,&c.

Barke lowd at theeues, and make them euer faile:
But whẽ friends came, lay down,& wagd his taile.

Such am I: conſecrated to your Lordſhips ſeruice: and vnder the protection of this mine owne zeale, aduenture to preſent you with *A diſcouerie and no diſcouerie, of a world and no world, both knowne and vnknowne, by a*

traueller that neuer trauelled. Written first in Latine, and no Latine, and now translated, and yet not translated, by the same man, yet not the same man that first of all penn'd it.

Your Honours most zealously deuoted:

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MINE acquaintance with trauellers of all sorts, is both well knowne to our Vniuersitie men, and recorded by the curteous correspondence that haue beene euer held betweene strangers and me: whether this of Homer *mooued mee to this humour,*

—πρὸς γὰρ Διός εἰσιν ἅπαντες
χεινοῖτε, πτωχοῖτε:

Or were it that mine vnquenched thirst and desire of knowledge, togither with the applausiue carriage I found in these men, were the motiues to these effects, I knowe not. I was already fully acquainted with all the rarities of mine owne Nation: and falling into a discourse of the profit of trauell with two Aliens of my neare acquaintance (Peter Beroaldus,

a French-

a Frenchman, and Adrian Cornelius Droge, *a Dutchman) wherein wee had many delightfull passages about comparisons of languages, conditions, and cities; at last, In troth (quoth* Beroaldus) *I know not as yet what trauell meanes, if hee that leaues his natiue soyle to passe but into a neighbour countrie, or ouer a neighbour riuer (admit it bee the Rhine, or the Tweed) deserue this name (as vulgar opinion seemes to allow) whereas hee neuer changes either skie, ayre, or soyle: I see not (if this bee true) any profit or worth in the world, contained in trauell. My parents & friends at* Montauban, *haue written very often for my returne, as though I were farre from them: whereas I (beleeue mee) haue imagined my selfe all this whole two yeares at home: for how little a way is it from* Mount-auban *to* Paris, *from* Paris *to* Callis, *from* Callis *to* Douer? *Truely when I thinke of the land, it seemes about an elle: in the Mappe a finger-breadth: in the forme of the heauens, iust nothing. Nor see I any reason why that* France *should bee held my natiue soyle more then*

all

all Europe: *for if you ſtand vpon diuerſity of language, how many languages (I pray yee) haue yee in* Europe *quite different from the* French? *If the conditions of the nations moue yee, view not* Europe, *but view the whole world, and euery Prouince thereof, leaning to the qualities of thoſe that adioyne vpon it. as the* Polipus *turnes into the colour of euery ſtone ſhee comes neere! O* Beroaldus (*quoth I againe*) *but we do enuie at the licence you haue to contemne trauell: wee (wretches) that like Tortoyſes, are bound to our owne houſes, whileſt you haue taken ſuruey of all the worlds ſingularities, and now that you are filled with their knowledge, you ſet them at nought thus. Might I but view the Snowie* Alpes, *or the ſhady* Pyrenes, *oh how much ſhould I thinke my ſelfe beholding to mine eyes at my reſting time, when all that I had ſeene ſhould turne to my benefit, and ſtore mine vnderſtanding with a freſh fraught of knowledge! Ah how much (quoth* Beroaldus) *doth abſence promiſe him that would bee preſent, and how vaine are the hopes that attend on ignorance! friend,*

when I was at home, vnexperienced, I thought as you do, but triall hath now taught me to see mine owne simplicity. A trauell of so small toyle yeelds easie satisfaction: and in this, your expectation shall exceede your experience in all those nouelties. Forreine parts are so like ours, that you cannot thinke them strange to yee, though you neuer saw them before. And what is there in all the knowne world, which mapps, and authors cannot instruct a man in, as perfectly as his owne eyes? your England is described by Cambden: *what vnderstanding man is there, that cannot, out of him, make as perfect a description of any cittie, riuer, monument, or wonder in all your Ile, as well as if hee had viewed it in person himselfe? What part of* Europe *is there that affoords more to a strangers eye then is related by one pen-man or other? The seuerall conditions of the people are all described already: as farre as eyther pen, or experience can set downe: but neither can giue any vniuersall knowledge. The* French *are commonly called rash, the* Spaniard *proud; the* Dutch *drunken; the* English *the busi-bands; the*

Italians *effeminate*; *the* Swethen *timorous, the* Bohemians *inhumaine*; *the* Iriſh *barbarous and ſuperſtitious*: *but is any man ſo ſottiſh, as to thinke that* France *hath no ſtaid man at all in it*; Spaine, *no meacock*; *or* Germanie *none that lines ſoberly*? *They are fooles* (*beleeue it*) *that will tie mens manners ſo firme vnto the ſtarres, that they will leaue nothing to a mans owne power, nothing to the parents natures, nothing to nurture and education. View this* Pernaſſus *here, whereon we liue: Suppoſe here were a Colledge of* Italians, Spaniſh, French, Danes, Dutch *and* Polacques? *doe you thinke to finde more varietie of diſpoſitions in this company of Students, then you may doe amongſt your owne* Engliſh?

Turne yee therefore which way yee will, I cannot ſee how this halfe a foote trauell can benefit vs any waye, excepting that wee may reape ſome annimation to learning by the ſight of ſuch great Schollers, as Whitaker, Raynolds, Bellarmine, Beza, Iunius, Lipſius, *and ſuch like as thoſe vvere. Indeede I holde, that your* Drake *and your* Candiſh *were*

trauellers, as also Sebastian Delcano, *the* Portugheſſe, *because their voyages put girdles about the whole world: Nay I will allow* Chryſtopher Colono *that name also, for his diſcouerie of the west* Indies, Franceſco Piccaro, *and* Almagro *for* Peru, Hernando Magellano *for the* Moluccaes, *and* Sir Hugh Willoughbye *for his Northren diſcoueries: together with all ſuch as eyther haue firſt found out vnknowne regions, or haue brought them to order. And truly (I will tell you two plaine) my minde doth prompt me with ſome noble enterpriſe of this kinde, ſuch as the world might gaze at, and all poſteritie record with admiration. With that hee bluſht, and held his peace, as if he had blabd ſome bold ſecret. Yea* Beroaldus *(quoth* Drogius *to him) & dare you not ſpeake it out? doe you imagine to torture our mindes with ſetting them on worke vpon doubtfull inquiries, or is your modeſt ſecret (hetherto ſo cloſely ſuppreſſed) afraide to aduenture vpon ſo many eares at once? Nay ſpeake what ere it bee, wee haue cleere browes (looke you) open eares, and faithfull hearts: nor can your vnknowne*

enterprise come to light eyther vvith more securitie, or fitter occasion. Well Drogius *well, (quoth* Beroaldus*) you take my silence in no good sence, but mixe it with your coniectures, that though great matters neuer goe but (like as Princes doe with their numerous traines) with a great preamble of ambiguous tearmes; yet that I should not doe so, but vent a pondrous conceite, a birth that my braine hath trauelld a yeare with, all naked, without any præmonitions. In truth I resolued at the first to let you know it: marry not with-out some graduall proceedings, and materiall preparations, without which, I know well how fond the vviset project th commonly seeme: but now I see my selfe chayned to a head-long discouerie manger my beard, vnlesse I should giue you iust cause to call my loue to you both, in question. Wherefore you shall know it: sooner (I assure you) then I did intend, but with no lesse willingnesse: Onely imagine you, that you haue already heard mine intended premonition.*

It hath encroffended mee to looke vpon

the Geographicall mapps, and finde this: Terra Australis, nondum Cognita. *The vnknowne Southerne Continent. What good spirit but would greeue at this? If they know it for a Continent, and for a Southerne Continent, why then doe they call it vnknowne? But if it bee vnknowne; why doe all the Geographers describe it after one forme and site? Idle men that they are, that can say, this it is, and yet wee know it not: How long shall wee continue to bee ignorant in that vvhich vvee professe to haue knowledeg of?*

Certè si nemo vnquam
——vv—Fragilem trucì
Commisisset Pelago ratem

If none had euer beeen
So bold as to expose
the slender barke vnto the Oceans teene

Then vvee might haue had some excuse for our obstinate (wee may euen as vvell confesse it) and notorious idlenesse: But seeing all is opened now; seeing there is not a ship-boy but knows all the vvindes,

greekes,

creekes, ſhelfes and harbours of the whole world; flie vpon this ſlouth of ours, this more then female feare, this vaine careleſneſſe, that vvittingly and willingly robbes vs of another world. What colour haue vve for it? vvhat feare vve? ſhadowes, or our ſelues? there is heauen, there is earth in that continent, & there is men, perhaps more ciuill then wee are. Who euer expected ſuch wit, ſuch gouernment in China? ſuch arts, ſuch practiſe of all canning? wee thought learning had dwelt in our corner of the world: they laugh at vs for it, and well may: auouching that they of al the earth, are two-ey'd men, the Europians the one eyd, and all the world elſe, ſtarke blind. But admit there be no men in this climate: it is a ſhame for a wiſe man either to feare or complaine of ſolitarineſſe.

Theſe thoughts haue fired my breſt full often: and whileſt others neglect them, haue kindled a bold attempt in mee, beyond the reſt. I ſee the land lye vnknowne; no man dreames of it; I will aſſay to diſcouer it. Your enterpriſe Beroaldus (quoth I) is great, and almoſt more then mortall

power can execute. However it ſucceede, I applaude your generous ſpirit, as like your owne: but as you ſaid, great matters, as they require many præmonitions, ſo doe they more premeditations. Haue you therefore caſt your full account of the dangers, labours, hopes, expences, and all other ſuch accidents as muſt attend this your attempt? There is heauen you ſay: there may bee ſo, and yet you bee kept from the ſight of it by perpetuall darkeneſſe.

There is earth; but you may bee driuen out of that by beaſts and ſerpents: There are men: but perhaps you had rather want their company, when you know them, then haue it. If one of you Patagonian *Giants ſhould catch your and eate you quite vp, where are you then my fine diſcouerer? It is good thinking of thoſe things, but it is dangerous trying. O ſir (ſaith* Beroaldus *againe) you know not that the Cape of good hope lies ouer againſt this land. We muſt hope, and wee muſt dare. Thoſe bug-beares of dangers at fit to fright babies: but they anymate bolder ſpirits. If we ſhould ſticke at them, wee ſhould neuer looke out at our*

owne dores. That was the cauſe America lay ſo long vnknowne, and had done ſtill (for ought I ſee) but that GOD ſent a Doue from Heauen, which plucking of an Oliue branch from this Continent, taught vs by that, that there was yet more land, and leſſe ſea then wee dreamed of: O how ſacred ſhall his name be held with all poſterity! His ſtatue ſhalbe aduanced, for vs al to gaze vpon whilſt earth keepes her foundation. It is as great a glory (thinke I) to bee called The new worlds diſcouerer, as her conqueror. And why may not wee haue that ſucceſſe, and the like glory? I am the more excited to this, by that ancient, and famous propheſy of Seneca, which remayneth vnto vs to fulfill.

Veniet annis
Secula ſeris, quando Oceanus
Vincula rerum laxet, & ingens
Pateat Tellus.

Seneca in Medea.

——When certaine years are ſpent
Hereafter; ſhall the ſpumy Ocean ſhew
His ſecret ſtore, and ope to mortals view
——A larger continent.

What can be ſpoken more plaine, to point out this diſcouery? Here did Drogius *replie: what Man? beware how you raiſe ſo great a building on ſo weake a foundation. Your* Doue *hath fulfilled your Poets coniectures, all of them, alreadie. The ſumme of yeares is now runne:* America *is that large continent. Dreame you of any other either age, or diſcouery? I know the generality of your opinion (quoth* Beroaldus*) but I doubt of the truth, for Propheciers are alwaies* de futuro: *and what if I proone the countrie* America *to be knowne to former ages? If I doe,* Senecaes *wordes are no preſage, but an intimation of a thing done. Now I am fully perſwaded that ſome part of theſe weſt* Indies *was that* Ophir, *where* Salomons *and* Hirams *nauy had their gold. For whereas there are fiue ſeuerall opinioniſts touching this,* viz. 1. Rabanus, Maurus *and* Nicholaus de Lyra, *affirming that* Ophir *was in the* Eaſt-Indies. 2. Volateranus, *and* Ortelius, *deuiſething it to bee an Iſland in the* Ethiopian *Ocean, from an apocryphall relation of one* Lewis Venetus; 3. Gaſpar Varerius, *who affir-*

med all that was contayned in Pegu, Malaca, *and* Sumatra, *to be whilom called by this name.* 4. Francis Vatablus *whom* Colonus *also (as* P. Martyr *saith) did follow: who said that* Hiſpaniola *was* Ophir. 5. William Poſtellus, Goropius Becanus, *and* Arias Montanus, *all which auouch directly that* Ophir *was this continent in which* Peru *lieth. Of theſe, the two laſt, and likelieſt, make for vs, I care not which you take. The firſt two,* Vatterius *hath ouerthrowne, horſe & foote: to ad more were too ſuperfluous. Sufficeth only that I proue him erroneous, in putting* Pegu, Sumatra & Malaca *for* Ophir. *And firſt, holy writ ſaith plaine, that theſe two nauies were two years out, in each of their voiages to* Ophir: *but § ſpace of* 10. *months, or* 12. *at the moſt, will ſerue to paſſe and returne from the red ſea to* Sumatra: *how then can this propoſition of time agree with his opinion? what can* Vatterius *ſay to this: that nauigation was not exact then, as the* Portugalls *haue made it ſince, and therefore in ſuch a vaſt roome for ignorance, the nauies might ſpend the more in a wrong courſe.*

Well sir, but how came Salomon *to the knowledge of this farre distant land? From God you say, I beleeue yee. So then, hee that taught him that there was such a land, and that there was gold in such a land, and aduised him to send thither, would not hee (thinke you) shew him the right way thether? Againe, the time of their being out is alwaies set downe but one: at the end of which they euermore returned, neither staying longer, nor comming sooner: which proues the distance of the place, and not the error of the sailers. Lastly, the very name speaketh for vs as plaine as may:* אופיר *and* פרו *do but transpose one letter, and they are all one. Let mee therefore hold you for incredulous obstinates if you confesse not that* America *was knowne long before* Senecaes *time. You are victor* Beroaldus, *quoth I, and may now lawfully triumph: But admit that it was knowne to* Salomon, *and his nauigators; doth it follow therefore that it was discouered to the whole world beside, and such as had no commerce at all with the* Iewes? *or might not the memory of it bee vtterly extinct before the later times of*

the Romaines ? *Which if it were, your opinion and* Senecaes *preſage are both ouerthrowne. Nay nay, quoth* Beroaldus, *I am not ſo eaſily diſheartened with ſhadowes of reaſon. This fit doubt of yours, giues mee the ſtronger foote-hold. Hiſtory is not ſilent in this diſcouery, but preſerues the memory of it euen vnto the laſt poſterities of the* Romans. *For you know that from* Salomon *to the building of* Carthage *was little leſſe then* 150. *yeares. But the* Carthaginians *(as* Ariſtotle *witneſſeth, nor can I beleeue that they did this in their Citties infancie) after a tedious nauigation did finde an Iſland beyond the* Gades, *(which can bee none but this) ſituate in the* Atlantike *ſea; whereupon they made a law (which is a true ſigne that neither did they people it, nor the reſt of the world, as then, commonly knew it) that none ſhould euer ſaile thether againe, fearing leaſt the wealthy and pleaſant ſoile ſhould allure the Citizens to leaue* Carthage *and go dwell there. Now the* Grecians *hauing this knowledge of it from* Carthage, *how ſhould it bee euer kept from* Rome ? *But ſirs, kicke againſt the truth as*

long

long as you liſt, or yeeld to it as I doe: I am moſt firmely perſwaded that Senecaes *large continent is yet vndiſcouered, and ſtaies to yeeld vs this glorie, if we dare venter on it. For my ſelfe, I am comming (my world) after ſo many vowes, and delaies, now I come at laſt, all fraight with hope and confidence, either to vnmaske thee to* Europe, *or to lay my bones in thee. And you (my friends and fellowes) if there bee any true vertue, or loue of glory in your breaſts, goe and ſhare with mee in my fortunes in this great enterpriſe. Shame goe with thoſe frozen boſomes that affect nothing but ſecurity and inglorious eſtate; that like no ſepulcher but of the nations earth where they firſt breathed:* We ſhall thirſt, we ſhall be ſicke, wee ſhall periſh, *O baſe hearing! vnſeemely for a Philoſopher once to think vpō! And ſhaming the thoughts of trauellers, of ſuch as ſeeke out a new world, and ſcorne this olde one. There wanteth nothing but a good will. If yee bee men take that will vnto yee, arme your ſelues againſt weake opinatiueneſſe, and let vs vndertake that iourney which may be perhaps, delightfull,*

and cannot but proue glorious vnto vs how-ſoeuer it may ſeeme laborious. If not, lurk at home with vigour without honor: I will finde ſome that ſhall beare mee company in this famous enterpriſe, whoſe after renowne you may perhaps enuy too late. Here he ſtopt his ſpeech, and beheld vs with an eye ſomewhat diſturbed. His pithy ſpeech (whereof I cannot rehearſe the tenth part) mooued vs much, and ſo did our deſires of nouelty and glorie: briefely, wee aſſented, and reſolued all to aſſay this great diſcouerie, and embarked our ſelues in a ſhip called The Fancie, *taking our leaues of all our friends and acquaintance.*

After three daies wee arriued on the Belgique *ſhores, and at the weekes end in* Aquitane: *but* Drogius *ſtaied behinde at* Delfe, *and* Beroaldus *left mee here and departed vnto* Monutauban, *againſt both their wills: expoſing mee to the deriſion of all mine acquaintance, after their great expectation of this our diſcouerie vnleſſe I would proceede, and aduenture vpon all thoſe vnknowne perills alone. Yet this vnexpected departure*

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of theirs did not ouer-come my resolution, but I would needes forwards, and hauing (after two yeares) passed the Canaries, *the coasts of* Affrica, *and* Monomotapa: *At last I arriued at that promontory of* Tenter-belly, *which is called* Il Cabo Negro.

To the Readers,

Inſtructions for their voiage into this new world.

THere are diuers inquiſitiue Sceptiques (*vnpartial reader, for ſuch I would haue thee to be,*) who ſince this new Diſcouery of the South Indies, *vpon ſome ouer-ſight of mine owne, in not giuing ſufficient intimation of the grounds whence I had the firſt light of the ſaid* Diſcouery, *as alſo of the manner wherein I haue proceeded vpon the ſaid grounds haue out-runne their owne iudgments: in deſcanting farre otherwiſe of this worke, then a fauourable cenſure would euer haue held it to deſerue, and being either lead with too much zeale to the well deſeruing vertues of* that Reuerend man *that long agoe laid the firſt proiect of this* Diſcouery, *or with (it may be a true) obſeruation of ſome imperfection in mee that now of late haue raiſed this new building vpon that old foundation: haue taken occaſion both to thinke him leſſe worthy of their good conceites, and alſo to proclaime me a iuſt deſeruer of the ſeuereſt and moſt*

exemplary censures. Which wrong done vnto him (whome I must euer reuerence) hath bound mee to make an ingenuous acknowledgement of mine owne forgetfulnesse in the first edition of this present worke, rather then to sit still and see his reputation exposed to the misconstructions to which my negligence is (& in some iudgements, iustly) imagined to haue giuen the first and originall cause. But let this protestation be (if it may be) sufficient to remoone the weight of sinister imputations from his grauity, and lay them vpon mine owne youthfulnesse, that I dare engage my life, there is no man in the whole world, who hath either conuersed with himselfe in person, or his workes in print, that euer will surmise this present copy to haue had any testimony of his acknowledgement, or approbation to bee any way befitting his place, or (which is more) his profession. Wherefore to giue a full answere vnto that grosse misprision of theirs, who imagine the worke it selfe to haue beene of his writing and publishing in the forme wherein it now passeth, whereby they take occasion to taxe him of

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diuers (in their iudgement) immodeſt, light, ſcurrilous, and ridiculous paſſages therein. I doe here abſolutely auerre, and giue notice to all that ſhall hereafter take view hereof, This worke was neuer his, he neuer ſaw it, neuer dreamed of any ſuch matter, vntill hee met it in the hand of another man. There was indeed a little booke ſome 8. *or* 9. *yeares agoe that came from* Franckford, *which ſome few (I know not vpon what illumination more then ordinary) affirmed to haue paſſed the file of his muſe, which if it be true, it can be no way in the world either preiudiciall to his learning, (ſeeing it hath all perfection fitting an abſolute poeme) nor to his grauity or profeſſion, ſeeing it was a birth of his youth; wherein neuertheleſſe I will avow that hee hath towred aboue the capacities (at leaſt aboue the imitation) of all thoſe ouer-weening iudgements that dare any way preſume to traduce his originall. In iuſt defence of which worthy worke, I caſt defiance in the teeth of all that malice or traduce him, that it is neither any way ſcurrilous, immodeſt, light, nor ridiculous: and I will giue the proudeſt* Critique

that liues, as many yeares as hee and his fellowes haue bin fooles, either to parallell it, or to pick any the leaſt touch out of it, which cannot bee defended euen till his wittes that ſhall oppoſe, be drawne as dry as euer Dutchman *left cup.*

But as touching this preſent pile of Engliſh, *it is mine, it hath no further alliãce to his, then chalke hath to cheeſe, for as theſe haue no coherence in their neareſt proprieties (which tranſlations ſhould neuer want) but onely in their generall kind of eſſence as they are both corporeall ſubſtances; no more doth this worke any way reſemble his in faſhion, ſtile, or diſcourſe, but onely in the inuention and proiect. As for the paſſages in it, which ſome pretend to bee ſcurrilous or immodeſt, there may perhaps bee ſome indeed that carry not that pondrous reſpect in them which an ancient iudgement, or retired grauity may ſeeme to require: I grant it, what would yet haue more? they are flaſhes of youth:* ſemel inſaniuimus omnes; *And I pray yee (that cenſure mee ſo ruthleſly) which of you all is there, but one time or other in the forenoone of your daies, hath*

had his vagaries *in the world, and hath flowne out sometimes as well as I? Oh but, not in print, saies some seuerer* Critique! *Alas yet had* Ouid *his* Amores, Seneca *his* Lusus in Claudium, *and others as graue as hee, their exorbitances now and then as vnquirt as others! But that these weaknesses (for so I confesse they are) in mee, should be made as staines to the reputation of another, of one whose learning, life, and workes now extant may serue as purging fires whereat all thos that hence haue taken occasion to wrong him thus, might long agoe haue lighted their ignorance were it neuer so immense; that my lightnesses should bee reputed as births of his worthines! Oh that my pen (whereby since I haue ignorantly iniur'd him, I doe thus willingly and freely cleare him) could but make them see what an vniust construction they haue made of an ignorant (and I protest vtterly vnwilling) offence! But since mine owne vnwarinesse gaue first occasion of those vnkinde, and more then foolish callumniations which ignorance draweth from mine error, to staine his goodnesse with; all the satisfaction I*

can giue him, is to ſhew my ſelfe willing to make a faire way againe for his deſerts, in the boſomes of ſuch as hence take their occaſiō of diſlike, by proclaiming this truth to all that ſhall read it, that this preſent Diſcouery of the South-Indies *is none of his, but had this forme giuen it, without his knowledge, by one who will euer acknowledge his worth & grauity to haue beene vtterly ignorant of any vnfit phraſe whatſoeuer included in the whole booke. Hee whom my contrition, and this ſatiſfaction* (COLLATERALLY) *cannot content, is without mercy, and I aſſure my ſelfe will dye without merit, if hee bee not quickly ſhipt away for this new* Continent, *with letters of commendation to all our friends in* Cockſcombaya.

As for you (gentlemen and frinds) whoſe iudgements haue giuen gracious acceptance to this our Imaginary world, *I will euer endeuor to further your contentments with the beſt inuentions that the labours of a yong ſcholler can produce. You, (right* Iouiall *ſpirits) and none but you, are they to whom I conſecrate theſe my trauels, ſince none but you can diſcerne*

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the ſence which they include. Onely in one thing I muſt intreate your fauorable Cenſures, and that is, in my alluſions here and there vnto the names of ſome cities of fame and reſpect, both of our owne, and others: aſſuring you (as your true examination of the particulars may aſſure you better) that I had no intent to intimate any collation or reference of the ſtate or maners of thoſe I deſcribe, vnto theirs to which I allude. Let this proteſtation therefore cleare me from ſiniſter imputations, and you from all vntrue ſuppoſitions.

And know all you that haue not yet ſeene theſe Lands, but intend to take a view of the hereafter, that you muſt firſt of al take one of that French *Doctors pills,* Deſpouillez vous de tout affection, *and this will enable you fully to endure the alteration of all ayres in this clime. Secondly you muſt neuer trauell ſingle, but two, or three in a company, for one you know may apprehend more then another can, and thoſe before, that haue miſcaried in this voiage, as you haue heard, incurred their miſfortunes onely by neglecting this direction, and by too much conuerſing with*

those of the Foolianders *nation. Thirdly, you must go ouer the country thrice, ere you shalbe able to make any exact platforme of it: Once for* Strabo, *once for* Socrates, *and once for* Merlin Cocaius; *The first for the* Geography, *the second for the* Morality, *and the third for the* Language, *and* Etymology. *No more at this time, but aboord when you please and a good gale of wit go along with you.*

His, that is his.

IOHN HEALEY.

The discouery of the land of *Tenter-belly*, a part of the South Indies, bordering vpon *Terra del fuego*.

THE FIRST BOOKE,

Of the situation thereof.

THe land of *Tenter-belly* is a region farre extending both in longitude and latitude, bounding on the North vpon the *Ethiopian Ocean*, on the East vpon *(a) Letcheritania* & *Shee-landt*: on the South, vpon *(b) Fooliana the fatte*: and on the West vpon *Filtching-fennes*. It lieth in that vndiscouered Continent, where that huge and monstrous Birde called (*c*) RVC, snatcheth vp (now and then) a whole Elephant at a stoope, and swappes him vp at a bit. This is not incredible, for what I auerre, most of our Geographers in their moderne discoueries doe confirme.

(*a*) For Gluttony is the induction vnto lecherie.

(*b*) A fat belly makes a leane braine.

(*c*) This birds picture is to be seene in the largest maps of the world, with an Elephant in his pounces. And for his insatiate greedinesse, is held to be the Regions *Genius*.

Touching the soyle, the fertilitie is most worthily admirable: the ayre most delicately temperate: ô how I haue pittied, that so bad husbandmen should possesse so happy an habitation. In latitude it lieth full sixtie degrees, and in longitude seuenty foure frō *Cabo de bona Speranza*, and is situate almost directly opposite vnto the Southerne frontiers of *Affrica*. Such Cosmographers as write hereof, diuide it generally into two Prouinces, *Eat-allia* (called otherwise in the naturall *idiome* of the inhabitants *Gluttonia*) and *Drink-allia*, or (in the same language) *Quaffonia*: the former, situate in the same longitude and latitude (God saue the sample) with our *England* and the later, with the two *Germanies*. Both haue one Prince, both one lawe: and a little reformation would make them concurre both in Prince, lawe, habite and manners.

Eat-allia

Eat-allia, or *Gluttonia.*

CHAP. I.

EAt-allia, is in forme triangulare, like the *Greeke* letter *Delta*, which beareth this forme: [Δ] It is (*d*) as broad as long, and resembleth the figure of the old *Ægypt*, being full of high skie towring hills, and yet so fertile, that the very Birds (that flock thether from all places to feed) if they stay but one three moneths at the mangery this soile affords them; are so ladened with the luggage of their owne fatned bodies, that they cannot possibly get wing so high as to ouer-toppe one of the meaner mountaines, but become sworne inhabitants of this fatte countrie all their liues after. Fatte? why your Italian *Ortolano*, or *Beccafico* is but carrion to them. No. they are rarely fedde. This may seeme a fiction, but hee that hath seene the workes of nature in *Scotland*, where the leaues that fall from certaine trees, lying but a while to rotte, become

(*d*) And so are most of your *Belly gods*, the inhabitants thereof.

a goodly kinde of fowle called (f) *Barnacles*, (which are a kinde of wild-geeſe) or in *Scythia*, where (as an honorable embaſſador of ours hath giuen an approued teſtimonie) there are certaine creatures grow out of the earth in the ſhapes of (g) Lambes, which being faſt ioyned vnto the ſtalke they grow vpon, do notwithſtanding eate vp all the graſſe about them: he (I ſay) that hath aſſurance of theſe rare effects, cannot but aſſent vnto mine aſſertions as moſt authenticall. But (to leaue digreſſions, and to returne to our purpoſe) The fiſhes of the *Eat allian* ſhores (and fiſh they haue in great aboundance) are naturally ſo rauenous and greedy, that (whether they pertake of the nature of the nation, or like (h) *Nero's* Turbut, preſage their honorable Sepultures) you can no ſooner caſt out your angle-hooke amongſt them, but immediatly, (like the ſoules in *Lucian* about *Charons* boate, or Cole-miners about the Rope when the candles burning blew tels the dampe commeth) you ſhall haue hundreds about the line, ſome

(f) *Hector Boetius, Hollingſhead, &c.*

(g) The Dukes of Muſcouie haue the skins of theſe creatures kept for their owne vſes; they grow in *Horda zauolh* a plaine in *Scythia*, and are called the skins of *Samarchand*. Of this lambe you may read in *Scaliger, Excercit. 59. Cardan. Baro Heberſtin. & Liban. tract. de agno vegetab.*

(h) *Iuuenal. Satyr. 4.*

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hanging on the hooke, and ſome on the ſtring beſides it, ſuch is their pleaſure to goe to the pot, ſuch their delight to march in pompe from the dreſſer. Beſides, the land hath diuerſe good hauens, but they ſerue for harbour to no ſhip but ſuch as comes fraught with good fare, and is laden with delicious viands. If any parcell of their fraight haue taken Salt-water, or bee otherwiſe offenſiue to the iudgment of the (*i*) maiſter of the cuſtome-houſe, it commeth not a ſhore by any meanes. The ſoyle beares no tree that beares no fruite: Aſhes, Oakes, Willowes, & ſuch fruitleſſe fill-roomes, ſuch ſaw I none, for none were there to be ſeene. But all the hedges (and ſo it is alſo in *Drink-allia*) were ſtuck thick with Hops: and ſurely in my conceit, the (*k*) weſterne *Engliſh* and the *Lumbards* had this cuſtome (at firſt) from the *Drink-alls*.

This territory of old, was (vnleſſe their chronicles do miſtake) vnder the gouerment of the *Thriuingers* (inhabitants of (*l*) *Thriuingois* (a nation lying a good way further into the maine land) for

(*i*) Whoſe name when I was there, was Sir *Spatious Mouth*.

(*k*) Shropſhire & Worceſterſhire.

(*l*) Onely *Foolana* lyeth betweene *Tenter-belly* and *Thriuingois*: for if men were not fooles they would follow thrift and flie luxurie.

their *Annales* report, how in the dayes of old *Saturne*, the *Thrinonian* Princes bare ſway ouer all this continent, and had their principall ſeate in that part now called *Eat-allia*, and that becauſe the men of thoſe times liued moſt part vpon Garlick (called in Latine *Allium*) therefore was this region called *Allia*: but forreine inuaſions enſuing, and thoſe antient worthies being hereby chaſed from their places of ſoueraigntie, the conditions of the people grew to a great alteration, & to proportionate the name of the country to the natures of the inhabitants, they added *Eate* vnto the ancient name, *Allia*, & ſo from that change, it beareth the name of *Eat-allia* vnto this preſent.

Dreſſembourg, the firſt *Canton* of *Eat-allia*.

Chap. 3.

(a) For meate muſt firſt be dreſſed and then eate.

Dreſſembourg, (*d*) is the firſt part of this great land of *Eat-allia*, & fitteſt

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for vs to begin with in our intended diſcouery. This *Canton* (were it not for a greater inſtinct of naturall inclination) is in too hotte a climate for any true *Eatall* to inhabit: for the vttermoſt corner of it, (which ſome *Geographers* name *the South cape*,) lieth vnder the ſame latitude with the moſt Southerne point of *Caſtile*, and is about two and fortie degrees diſtant from the *Æquinoctiall*. The inhabitants be of a ſwartie tawnie, and moſt of them haue their skins all riuelled and withred, and for their conditions, they affect deliciouſneſſe rather then exceſſe. Vpon the foreſayd point of this *Canton* which wee named *the Swarty cape*, (as the whole countrie is wondrouſly couer-clowded with ſmoke, partly becauſe the ſoile is very Fenniſh, and partly becauſe of the neereneſſe of *Terra del fuego*, the land of Fire, which lieth as all the diſcouerers thereof doe with one voyce affirme, immediatly vpon the right hand thereof) ſtandeth the citty *Kitchin*, the buildings of which towne are generally very lofty, and yet

as generally ſmoakie and euill ſented: I imagine that *Cochin* in the *Eaſt Indies*, was a colony ſent at firſt from this citie. In the midſt of this citie ſtandeth a goodly temple, dedicated to (*b*) *God All-Panch*, a vaſte and ſpacious building, wherein there are a thouſand altars, burning with continuall Incence (excepting from *Shrouetide* vnto *Eaſter-euen*) vnto the foreſaid Deitie. In the midſt of this temple is a tower erected, of incredible altitude, no worke made with mans hand euer came neere it, the *Pyramides* of *Memphis* are but mole-hils to it: the inhabitants called it *Chymney-turret*, and from the height thereof the whole region round about it haue the vſuall ſignall of warre giuen them; for whereas wee vſe to giue notice of ſuch enſuing dangers by fyring a tarre-barrell on the toppe of a beacon, they on the contrary ſide haue their information from the ceaſing of the ſmoake, for when-ſo-euer that eternall fume ceaſeth to aſcend in caliginous clouds, it is a ſure warning that the foe ap-

(*b*) Of him here-after. chap. 11.

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proacheth : and this inuaſion is moſt cõmonly attempted by the inhabitants of the *Starueling Iles*, (otherwiſe called *Hunger-landers*,) for theſe are the moſt formidable enemies that the *Eat-alls* haue, or can be annoied by.

Neare vnto the ſayd City *Kitchin*, are certaine villages that are all within the liberties thereof: and firſt, there is *Cole-houſe*, a large towne truely, and all conſiſting (a ſtrange forme of building) of caues vnder the ground: then is there *Aſhe-ton*, and that ſtands vpon the toppe of *Cole-houſe*, on a moſt droughty and barren ſoile. *Tongeſ-worth*, another little village and this *Aſhe-ton*, are both in one pariſh, and ſo is *Fyer-pan* and (c) *Fyre-bumme*, two goodly ſweet farmes: On the left hand you haue three others, (d) *Spit-ſtead*, *Kettle-dorp*, and *Spooneſ-by*, all pretty townes, and maruellous well peopled. *Kettle-dorp* hath a faire riuer paſſeth through it, called (e) *Ture-mois*, which (they ſay) boyleth euery 24. houres, not much vnlike the fountaine of the (f) *Peake*, in *England*.

(c) Otherwiſe called warming-pan.
(d) Three villages where ſpits, kettles and ſpoones were firſt inuented.
(e) In *Engliſh* *Moiſture*.
(f) In *Darby-ſhire*.

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Banquet-ois, the second Canton of Eat-allia.

Chap. 4.

PAssing out of *Dresſembourg*, the next *Canton* yee enter is the very garden of all *Eat-allia*, it is called *Banquetois*, and is as it were a continuall forreſt of nothing but *Dates*, *Almonds*, *Figges*, *Oliues*, *Pomegranates*, *Cytrons*, and *Nutmegs*: and the riuer of *Oylebrooke* hath his courſe through the heart of all this goodly territory. The Citty of *Marchpaine* is the chiefe towne of note in this *Canton*, beeing built after a ſtately manner with turrets, and obeliskes all guilt ouer, but indeede it is but of a ſlender kinde of fortification, and lieth verie open to the enemies cannon, a little aboue this City are certaine mines, called the *Sugar-hills*, whence they digge a certain oare in collour whitiſh, in touch hard, & in taſt ſweete, a ſubſtance (*a*) vnknown of old, & ſince hauing bin counterfetted by arte, and drawne by Alchymy (*b*) out

(*a*) Galen knew it not.
(*b*) *Plin. lib.* 1 chap. 8.

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of the *Arabian* and *Indian* Reedes. This City hath very few inhabitants of any yeares that haue any teeth left: but all, from 18. to the graue are the naturall heires of ſtinking breaths. Next vnto this, lieth another little corporation called *Druggeſ-burge*, and here they haue a law, that none muſt bee made free of the City but Apothecaries, Grocers and Boxe-makers. The *Shee-landreſſes* vſe much traffique vnto this place, but more vnto *Letcheri-vania*, where they vſe to make exchange by bartering chriſtaline glaſſes, for vnguents and Pomanders. Now for theſe *Druggeſ-burgers*, the very heauens ſeeme to conſpire with the places fitnes, to increaſe their trading: for at certaine times of the yeare, you ſhall haue the whole countrie couered quite ouer with Aromaticall trochiſches, comfits and confections, that fall from the aire in as great aboundance *(c)* (at thoſe times when they do fal) as euer fel ſhowre of Haile: Now I hold this to be nothing really, but that ſame hony-dew which we ſhall finde now and then vpon

(c) That is alwaies in the Greeke Calends: neuer but then.

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the leaues of the Oke in a kindly spring: the onely difference is in the solidity, for where as ours falleth in small dewy droppes, theirs is congealed by the cold of the ayres midle region, and so falleth in round balls, that rebound in their fall through this their accidētall induration.

Pewter-platteria, the third Canton of Eat-allia.

CHAP. 5.

AS wee passed vnder the 55. degree beyond the line, wee entred into a spacious plaine, the inhabitants named it *Pewter-platteria*, and wee for breuity sake, entred it in our mappe vnder the name of *Platters-plaine*: it lieth in the very heart of *Eat-allia*, and the first City that we met within this tract was *(a) Victuallu*, through the midst of which there passeth a riuer called *(b) Sauce*, whose water is some-what tart in the taste. In the market place of this town we beheld a tombe, which as far as I could guesse by

(a) Built in the same fashion that *Camalu* is, if you were euer there.

(b) From this riuer only the *Eat-alls* haue all their water wherewith they do dresse their meate.

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the weather-worne inſcription, conteined the bones of the Romane *Apicius*. It was no rare peece of worke but it was of a moſt ancient model, and the tombeſtone was cut in forme of a Sea-crab. And ſurely (let *Seneca* ſay what hee pleaſe) it might very well be that this famous Gurmõd hauing beſtowed a great deale of loſt labour in ſeeking bigger Crabbes on the *African* ſhores then the French afforded, turned his courſe vnto this country, (or els was forced hither by tempeſt) and ſo here layd his bones, vpon ſome deadly ſurfet. Let the Colledge of *Critiques* be iudge.

Volaterr. Antropol. l. 13.

I do here purpoſely omit the fruitfull plaines of *Goblet* the great, and *Fat-land Forreſt*: togither with the goodly citty (c) *Sauſagiena*: oh there's a towne rarely ſeated, onely it ſtands a little too neere the ſalt-water: I ouer paſſe that ſtinking (d) *Cheeſe-mongeria* alſo, and (e) *Butterkin* the fennie, the laſt towne of all *Eatallia*, and ſituate vpon the very borders of *Quaffonia*, theſe I paſſe ouer ſlightly, onely becauſe I would faine bee at the

(c) Like vnto *Cartagena* in *Spaine*, but far better ſeated.
(d)(e) Two ports where our Hollanders haue much traffique.

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metropolitane City of the whole region, for that very place alone, in ſtructure of houſes, manners of inhabitants, and formality of diſcipline, is worth all the reſt to one that wayeth it well.

The Metropolitane City of Eat-allia: The peoples conditions.

CHAP. 6.

HEreabouts are but few villages, no more then in other places of the land, ſo that one may eaſily diſcerne that the *(a)* Cities haue eaten vp all the boroughs. Neither are their Citties ſo aboundant in nũber as they are in ritches and inhabitants, but of them all, the prime and mother Cittie is that famous *Fleſh-paſty-nople.*

(a) And reaſon good the land is called *Eat-allia.*

Their old records doe report, that in former ages there were two ritch and potent Citties, *Fleſhton*, and *Py-nople*, betweene whome (as is vſuall amongſt great men, and great places, in ſo much that the *(b)* two beſt

(b) Cambridge and Oxford.

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vniuersities of the worlde, both of them my mothers, and one of them my nurse also, and both sisters, yet can scarely for-beare this froward contention) there was long and vehement altercation about the soueraignity.

Py-nople stood vpon hie antiquitie: and assuredly in old *Saturnes* time, the world afforded not hir parallell. But *Flesh-ton* counterpoised the others continuance, with hir owne glorie, pleasant situation and powerfulnesse: well, a Parliament was called, and finally, the whole house with one consent gaue the supremacy vnto *Flesh-ton*. Such is the vilenesse of this depriued age, that though it bee gray headed with decay, yet wil it prefer proud and vnripe (or rather to soone ripe nouelty) an hundred degrees before pure simple antiquity. (c) *Py-nople* being thus disgraced, decayed to nothing, it is at this daie almost impossible to know where it stood that was whilome a goodly Cittie: neuer had (d) Poets, Saint *Albones*

(c) This was *Py-nople* the plaine: but *Oysterpynople*, and *Potatopy-nople* are Cities in *Letcheritania*, that flourish vntill this day: beeing both founded by *Hercules*, vpon his copulation with 50. women vpon one night. *Georg. ap. currant. de punct. Aretinens. lib.* 27.

(d) *Spencer* in his ruines of time,

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iuſter cauſe to accuſe the malice of man and of time, then this poore ruined pile hath to condemne it. Now grew *Fleſh-ton* into more and more luſtre, and both to adde a magnificence to the name, as alſo to paſt the foile of *Py-nople* vpon the fore-head of all poſterity, it left the laſt ſyllable of the old name, and aſſumed the two laſt of *Py-nople* for it, ioyning them, togither with the cement wherof the ancient walls were made (called in their language, *Payſte*) and ſo was thence-forth called *Fleſh-paſti-nople*. Touching the forme of it, it is rather vaſt in compaſſe then comely in buildings: and hath a ditch (or rather a riueret) of ſpring water running almoſt through euery ſtreete, in which water, you ſhall ſee a thouſand ſeuerall impayled Fiſh-ponds, wherein alſo they keepe Swannes, Duckes, Diue-dappers, Herons, Teales, and all water foules whatſoeuer, (as they do now at *Auſpurg*, vpon inſtruction from hence) and this current is called *(e) Grauy-ditch*. It is double walled about, with the bones that

(c) If a paſty haue no grauy in it, it is not worth a doit.

remained

remained of their carniuall reuellings, and these bones were most artificially disposed each in his due place, the great bones standing vnderneath as pillers to the whole worke; the mid-most were next in order aboue them, and the smallest were ranked in the highest place, and all very well fastned togither with morter made of the whites of egges; in good sadnesse, most artificially, and with full iudgement. Their houses within, were neither too stately nor too lofty, they needed no (f) *Augustus* to forbid the building aboue 70 foote high, nor any (g) *Iuuenal*, or (h) *Seneca* to complaine of their stories vpon stories. No (saith) they kept a very good course for that.

(f) Strabo. Geog. lib. 5
(g) Satyra. 3.
(h) Contro. lib. 3.

They loue no ascents by staires vp to their dores, for two causes; partly because it is toilesome to climbe vp them when their bellies are bum-basted; and partly because it is dangerous to come downe them when their braines are throughly moistned, (as they must bee most commonly vpon a great forfeiture): Insteed of lead, tile, & slates, their houses

are all roofe with beasts shoulder-bones, very cunningly knit together. I assure yea; Their City consisteth not of any saue such as haue one vependante or other vpon the good; fellowes rack and manger. The husbandmen, Carpenters, Millers and Butchers haue each their habitations assigned thē in the suburbes who notwithstanding if they can bring their bellies vnto a certaine set size, are presently carried to *Gurmonds hall*, and there made free of the *Wide-throats*, or *Large-weasands*: but no stranger can haue his freedome at first, vnlesse he be either a Cooke, a Baker, or an Inkeeper: the citty is gouerned by a set number of graue Senators, peculiarly entitled *Alder-guts*, who are not elected (as our *European Burgomasters* are) for their wisdome, their wealth, or their horse-taile beards, but by the circumference of their naturall tankards (their paũches) which at a sollemn set feast are euery yeare measured once: and the more that each mans rotundity of corpulence is found to bee enlarged; vnto the higher place is bee presently

(f) Strabo. Geog. lib. 5.
(g) Satyra. 3.
(h) Contro. lib. 3.

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aduanced: so that I haue seene some come sneaking out of the sagge end of the suburbes, who had held their (i) *Shoppikins* in the verges of the Cities Podex, God knowes how many winters, inside not withstanding at length, into an honorable place in the City, and at last come to be a principal *Syre* of this famous Common-weale. But now you shall heare: If either sickness, (as it often falleth out) or age, doe chance to make these *Alder-guts* cast their Colloppes afterward, they are immediately put off the Bench and loose both grace, and grace at one clap: this is hard now, but it's true as hard as it is I can tell yee that: The Streets (which I admired in a City otherwise so regardlesse of curiosity) are al paued with faire large marble stones: because (as I imagine) otherwise the inequality of pebbles lay the neuer so euen, would haue bin a troble to the *Gourmonds* & other citizens in making them lift their feete too high, whereas now they are both eased of that encombrance, and their Coaches haue

(i) A diminutiue of shops you shall find the word in *Antony Mundaics discourse of the reformation of Redfaces.*

lesse occasion to shake their distended Guts: for they neuer go abroad on foot, nor on horse-back, nor in Litters, but are caried about the streetes in great foure-wheeled Coatches, that they may haue the quietter means to sit and spaule when they are caried home from *Wheeleing-in*. The Geometricall proportion of the city is Circular, and hath foure gates at which there doe sit daily (course by course) 4 *Alderguts* selected, and properly instiled of that office *Superuisors of the Paunchery*: and these are (like the Gates guard in a town of garrison) to examine all *Ingredients*, and *Egredients*: the latter, to see that they go not out fasting (which their long and graue experience in the extension, and contraction of guts makes them able most exactly to discouer, and where they finde the person defective, his *Mulcts* is to eate two suppers) and the first, to see that they come not in empty-handed: for not to go out full-bellied and not to come in full-handed, is an heinous contempt of the cities right healthful gouernment. Euery month,

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they are bound by their law, (and would bee so, were there no such law) to celebrate a sollemne feast, where euery *Alderman* of the whole society must present himself, all excuses and delaies set apart whatsoeuer, to consult (after dinner, for before it is vnlawful for any one to giue his voice) about the publique good. The place where they meet is *Gourmons hall*. Euery one knoweth his seate, & hath his *lourdan* or chamber-pot standing by him in a little coffer made for the purpose. Well, being met, & hauing turned their wine into water, and their oysters into shells, euery one takes his chaire and to dinner they go. Their daintiest dishes, are euermore the first sacrificed vnto their stomakes, for they hold it fit that the best meat meeteth fittest with the best appetite. Now they may not in any case haue their Boares, Sheepe, Goates, lambs &c. serued vp in parcels & ioynts, as we of *Europe* vse, but they must haue all whole (the old *Romanes* taught them that) you shal see the waiters come sweating with an whole Hogge, or an whole

Calfe vpon a great pewter Engine, you would blesse yee to behold it. Hee that riseth before six hours, bee sidly manne, runs his head vnder a rigorous fine, and al this while they eate & drinke by little and little only (for that cause that made (k) *Aristotles Parasite* wish himselfe the necke of a crane) to take the more delight in the delicacies. But for the breaking vp of the feast, they haue this order. They haue a dore in their hall, large enough for the greatest Gut-monger that liues, and take him fasting: At this dore, the *Alder-guts* enter when they come to the feast, which beeing ended, he that offers to passe the same way hee came, and cannot get his belly through, is let forth another waie; but hee that passeth as easily as he came in, is staid by an officer appointed for that purpose, called *The Seruant* of the *Mawe*, and brought back againe (will hee nill hee) where hee must settle him to a renewed *Rouse*, vntill his belly bee able to kisse both the cheekes of the dore at once, and then he is dismissed. (I cannot bee

(k) *In Ethic.* his name was *Philoxenus*.

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fully perswaded but the creeping through (l) Saint *Wilfrids* needle, was a deuise brought by some ancient Pilgrim from this more ancient *Alder-guts* custome). The townsmen of this place haue the hugest gardens of the world, but they are all out of order, nothing like the gardens of *Adonis*, *Alcinous*, no nor (m) *Langius* his neither, no sir, come not thether to looke for your arbours, your alleies, or your concested flowry knots, mary if you looke for your radish, your garlike, your cabbidge, your muske-melon, or so, they are for you: *Italy* her selfe had most of her more delicate rootes from hence: an hundred *Carthusians* might haue a Christmas dinner from hence at an houres warning.

The goodly Colewort there you soone should finde,
The Lettuce, and the Onions double kinde:
And Beetes, for him that would be loose behinde.

Nay marke but whether these men haue a care of the Cities credite. They haue a common hospitall (and that, I

(l) Which was whilom to be seene in *Beuer castle*.

(m) Where *Lipsius* [illegible] *Langius* [illegible] discoursed [illegible]

Martiall Epig. lib. 3. chap. 47.

may tel you, a large one) wherein al such as haue got the dropsie, the goute, the cough of the lungs, or any such malady by too much gour-mandizing, are maintained of the publike charge. But al such as haue lost their teeth by age, or by eating their broth too hot, are forth with prouided for very conueniently & sent away (*n*) into *Spoone-meat Ilands*: there are many belonging to this city that liue in forme of slaues, and those are appointed to till the fields, and sow the gardens. Euery ritch *Gurmond* keepes diuers of these labourers, who notwithstanding when the guts are at sufficient growth, haue their freedome giuen them *gratis*. If any of the nobility chance to die of a surfet (as there doth assuredly, more, then of any other death) his *Statue* is presently forged of most select & delicate dishes, and so he is laid forth for his slaues and (*o*) his *pendentes per*, to tire vpon: nor is it lawfull for them to bee so idle as to refuse immeditate execution of this honorable ordinance.

The whole sort of al these citizens are

(*n*) Iles in the *Atlantike* sea like our *Orades*, where they that haue the fewest teeth are held in highest respect, and hee that hath none, is made a *Clarissimo* of *Suppington*, the chiefe city of the whole teritorie.

(*o*) His hang-bits.

generally of an vnmeasurable groſe-neſſe (and deemed to mee when I ſawe them walke iuſt like ſo many tunnes, mouing each vpon two pottle pots): nor is that man worthy of any (the meaneſt) ſalutation in the world, that is not (p) all cheekes to the belly, and all belly to the knees: and ſuch ſhapes doe the women of this cittie walke in alſo: (The *Germaine ſtrowes* doe prittily well in imitation of theſe *Fuſty-lugs*, but the *Barbarians* come very neere them): The yong women may not marry till ſuch time as beforea bench of Matrons, they make a publicke demonſtration to their husbands that ſhall bee, that their dugges and chinnes may meete without any forcing of either. They go for the moſt part all naked, onely their *Aldar-guts* may weare gownes; mary thoſe muſt be onely the skinnes of ſuch beaſts as they are able to deuoure alone at one ſitting. Yet there is no free-man of the towne but weares a large knife, and a ſpoone as big as a ladle bound to his right arme. Before, vpon the breaſts, each one wea-

(p) Like him whoſe Epitaph this was: *Here lyes ſir* Iohn *of Redcroſſe ſtreete; he was beard toth' belly, and belly toth' feete.*

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reth a poke of hayre-cloth to saue the gobbets that chance to fall besides, and to wipe their mouths with all, but those they vse so long in this greasie imployment, that whether their shining exceed their blacknesse, or their blacknesse their shining, he had need be well sighted that should iudge. They are naturally dull of wit, and slow of apprehension, and yet notwithstanding most perfect in all the arts they respect. Their schooles haue no lectures read in them, but onely (q) *Apicius his Institutions of the Arte of Muncherie*: & there are all the yong fry taught the Sciences of Garuing, chewing and swallowing, oh most profoundly: the *Muncherie* lecturer (when bwas there) was one *Doctor Full-Gorge*, a man most rare in his profession, and insteed of his *Grammar*, hee read the first section of the foresaid Institutiōs of *Apicius*. Their library is a large roome, rancked full of potts and kannes of all sorts, euery sorte being enseamed in their seuerall *classes*: so the schollers haue also, each one his full pott and his laden platter,

(q) For some such bookes he wrote, witnesse *Suidas*.

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(a) for his booke: the freshmen haue lesser measures, the sophisters larger, and so vp to the *Graduates*. The first perhaps hath his pinte & his pullet, the next his quart & his Goose, the third his pottle and his fat Lambe, or his gammon of Bacon; and so vpwards: nor may any leaue his taske, or haue leaue to play, till he haue made an end of what was enioyned him. If any one stay seauen yeares in these schooles, and benefit nothing, he is forthwith banished for euer into the *Starueling Iles*, to *Hunger-land*: is he sent away immediatly, to deale vpon *Spanish* dinners, furnished with halfe putchers. Thether also they thrust all Phisitions and prescribers of diets: if any of thē be ill at ease (let *Asclepiades* swagger & hang if he list) he presently eates a raw radish, drinkes a little hot water, spewes a while, & within a quarter of an houre, *Vtah*, he lets flie vpon *Aiax*, & rises from his roast as sound as a bell. Now all the what you wil, that he voids at either end during this purging time, is immediatly confiscate vnto the Dukes, or a stoip

(a) We haue some Vniuersitie men that are too well read in these authors, yea verily, some study them so sore that they bring themselues of on their legs by it, saith *Panurg.* in his *Le Tric-trac clericorum.*

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and (s) ſtrained vpon in ſuch a caſe, by certaine ſurueyors, eſpecially appointed for ſuch commodities.

(s) Not ſtrained through a colander you muſt thinke, but ſeized vpon by thoſe inquiſitors.

They loue veniſon dearely well, yet can they not tell how to catch it: onely ſuch Deere as comes willingly amongſt them, thoſe they entangle in nets and ſoyles, and ſo take them. But the noble Swine, oh they prize that beaſt aboue all that euer nature produced: but whether it be becauſe of their ſympathy of natures, being both fatally conſecrated to the table, or by reaſon that the ſwine will feede on the courſeſt meate and yet be ſooneſt fedde, this I leaue to a more iudicious Cenſor to determine. What man is he now would thinke, that in this inundacion of profuſeneſſe there ſhould be any dry hillock left for *Parſimony* to inhabit? yet (ſooth) there is many haue an vnfit dwelling among ſuch *Gulp-thrifts*: Certainly I haue obſerued an exceeding care they haue in the reſeruing of the ſmalleſt bit-bone, and fragment that remaines after their banquetings; whereupon they neither keepe dogge, catte,

hawke, nor any creature whatsoeuer that will eate flesh: Nay which is more, in the fatting of their Pidgeons, and Capons, they will take them and make them vn-gorge the corne that they haue already halfe disgested, and giue it for meate vnto the others. The *Venetians* haue learnt this pretty trick of them already, and (t) can doe it very neatly. Now as for the men themselues, if any one keepe any victuals by him vntill they stinke, hee is forth-with condemned of high treason, and spitted vpon a stake. Onely two reseruations this law agreeeth vnto, the first is, they may keepe their Venison vntill it bee all hoarie, and mouldie quite ouer, and the second is, they may lay vp (foh, nasty!) their cheese where they thinke good, so long, vntill it be ready to creepe quite away with Maggots, and then they take these wormes (the very putrifaction of a most putride meate) and scraping a little sugar on them, crash them vppe with spoones as if they were Almond-comfites. Out vpon them, I wonder our *Low*

(t) So can our Poulters here in London, yea and worse as some report, tho deuill con them thanke for it.

Dutch would be such logger-heads as to follow them in this filthy fashion.

This region aboundeth with riuers, whose course is (most of them) vncertaine, because of the aboundance of ordure that stops them, some-times heere, and sometimes there, but generally (take this for an infallible rule) (*u*) at the beginning of Ianuary, and the ending, or about the ending of February, they are sure all of them to ouer-flow the bankes, and (if the breatches bee not stopt in time) to do much harme in the pastures adioyning.

(*u*) At Christmas and at Shrouetide all the Lakes farmers terme.

The warres of the Eat-allians.

CHAP. 3.

THe *Eat-allians* hatie vnreconciseable warres with (*a*) two other nations, the *Hunger-landers* of the *Starueling Iland*, and the *Thriuingers* of *Thriuingois*: the first, inhabite certaine westerne Iles in the *Atlantike* sea, not farre from *Eat-allia*: but the later lie somewhat further of it, by reason of a great part of the terrorie of *Pooliana*, and some parcell also

(*a*) Gluttony is a deadly enemy both to hunger and good husbandry.

of

of (b) *Shee-lands*, that puts in betweene them: their historical monuments relate that the *Hanger-landers* being confederate with the *Theeuing-atians*, haue made many terrible inuasions vpon the *Batallians* borders: and one time gaue them a sore foyle, insomuch that the poore inhabitants were faine to hide themselues in holes and cane under ground: vntill at last their gods gratious pitied them, and made their foes owne clappes their full destruction; for they did so ingorge them selues after this sudden change, that growing hereby all diseased, there was not a wanteset of them in three yeares, if you wo(ld) haue given a *Spanish reall* for a man: not a man to cast at a dog. The *Thriuingers* also, the ancient inhabitants of this land, haue made many attempts to regaine their lost possession, but (as fortune lightly leaneth to the wrong side) haue beene continually beaten backe by the *Eatallians* good successe. They march vnto battell armed onely before, for what needs any fence behinde, seeing

(b) For an whore will euer stand between thrift and thee.

they

they cannot turne themselues to runne away.) with Oxe-hides, sheepe-skins, & swines pels, that you would imagine, seeing them goe to warre, that it were a heard of cattle that were a driuing to the watring place: their weapons commonly are spits, and fire-forkes; many some of them haue gunnes, and crosse-bowes made of the bones of the largest oxen they kill: But the very truth is (I may tell it here to you in priuate, but 'tis a rare point of pollicie.) The *Drink-alliance* giue them their best assistance, for had not they beene, the *Eat-alliance* had beene downe the winde long ere this: and there is (*c*) the maine of all the matter.

(*c*) And so it is: for giue one his liquor soundly first, and then set him on to fight, and he will rush vpon dangers, the very thought whereof were inough, to kil him, were he sober.

(*a*) Idlenesse hath a great sway among Gluttons.

Of Idle-bergh, *an Imperiall free towne.* CHAP. 8.

BVt I haue some what to say of (*a*) *Idle-bergh*, though I haue said nothing of it yet; it may not passe mee so,

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being so famous and free a state as it is. It hath a large territorie vnder command, & is situate in ỹ farthest confines of *Pewter-Platteria*, towards *Fooliana*. There is not a towne either of more antiquity, or worthy more admiration in all *Eat-allia* then this is: The Citizens liue in farre more happy estate then euer Monke did: for they haue all things they can desire, in aboundance. For first the towne is so strongly situate, that it is vtterly impregnable, and may iustly mock at all the enemies enterprises, being built vpon a rock (*b*) ten *Germaine* miles in height, and withall so steepe, that it is vtterly inaccessible: At the foote of this cliffe runs the riuer of *Idle*, whereof the towne taketh her name: runs said I? nay it seemes rather to creepe: being more like a lake then a riuer. There is but one way vp to the towne, and that is not by mounting the rock by degrees, and windings, as wee see in other forts of this situation, but the townes-men let downe a roape and a basket, like the bucket of a Well, and so hale vp the passengers.

(b) 'Tis no lesse, beleeue it if you will not, go and see your selfe, and trust your owne eyes. But we haue *Englishmen* enow that haue beene in *Idle-bergh*, and can anouch this to be true, *O Anglia quam segnis, quam insignis* Bucer.

They liue all vpon certaine birds naturally bred amongſt them, I neuer ſaw any of them elſe-where, the inhabitants call them (c) *Gulls*, and they are not much vnlike to our *bald Cootes*. They ſerue the cities vſe with three ſorts of meates, fleſh, egges, and fiſh; fleſh, from their owne carcaſſes, egges from their neſts, where they lay them in great aboundance, and fiſh which they bring for the feeding of their young ones, in huge exceſſe: and beſides, the ſticks of their neſts finde the citizens perpetuall firing. What, would yee more? and more yee ſhall haue. Their fethers ſerue the citizens for ſtopping of their beds, yea and ſome to ſpare alſo, for tranſportation. The grounds within the walls bring forth both whole vintages of delicate grapes, and whole harueſts of the pureſt wheate. Nor is there any other thing whatſoeuer that the *Idle-berghers* eſteeme, but they enioy it within themſelues. The people do liue an vncurious life, and in *Apuleius* his ſence (who called a fatte Lambe, an vncurious one)

(c) We haue ſtore of them here in *England*, & moſt of your beds in court are ſtuffed with their fethers. I haue ſeene many of them together flying in companies from one taueme ſigne to another, for the ſpace of an whole moneth together

them.

ſelues are truly vncurious. (d) They ſup, they ſleepe, they riſe, they dine, and they ſup, and ſo round in a ring, (vnleſſe a little whoring now and then chance to adde one dance more to ỹ round.) They haue a lawe (and that I thinke they had from the (e) *Sybarites*) that barreth all Eunuches, and all Artificers from dwelling amongſt them. Their ſwine ſerue for their plow-men (as they did whilom in *Ægipt*) they vſe no other husbandrie: yet the richer ſort haue attendants: one to open the maiſters eyes gently when hee awaketh: another to fanne a coole ayre whileſt hee eateth, a third to put in his viands when hee gapeth, a fourth to fit his girdle to his belly, as it riſeth and falleth, the maiſter onely excerciſeth but eating, diſgeſting, and laying out.

There are diuerſe other cities that hold of this *Idle-bergh* in *capite*, & vnder protection of her, enioy the ſame priuiledges with her, namely (f) *Sleepe-on*, and *Snort-apace*: yet here the citizens are ſeldome or neuer awake, but (as (g) *Pliny*

(d) *Dauies in Fuſcum Eſai.* 39.

(e) The moſt luxurious nation that euer was.

(f) The two twins of Idleneſſe.

(g) *lib.* 8. *cap.* 30

writeth of the Beares) do generally lye ſo ſoundly a-iouking, that a man may wound them ere hee awake them: and it is ſtrange to ſee how fatte they grow by this drowſie lethargie.

The Lawes of the Land.

Chap. 9.

Gourmonds hall is a very faire, large houſe, ſtatefully ſet forth with arched bay windowes, and vpon the front of the entrance are theſe words fairely engrauen in letters of gold, TO, REVELL, AND TO, METHODE. (a) And within, there hung a table chained to a Marble piller, conteining theſe ſacred and inuiolable lawes.

(a) And vnder it were theſe verſes engrauen.
Frolick fatneſſe here doth dwell:
Keepe leaneſſe out and all goes well.

BE IT ENACTED.

1. *That eating but one meale a day, bee hence-forth held for a capitall tranſgreſſion.*
2. *That he that ouer-throwes a full diſh*

or a cup rashly, or howsoeuer, be forthwith by vertue of this statute enioyned to stand vpright on his feete, and hauing a dish of broth set betweene his heeles, to eate it all vp with a thimble.

3. *That none eate alone, nor violate the lawes of the table by any priuate suppers: but that euery Citizen do eate either in the streetes or in an open window, vpon paine of eating his next meale with his heeles vpward.*

4. *That whosoeuer forbeareth to sleepe or eate foure houres together, do satisfie the state by eating two suppers.*

5. *Yet if the mouth bee full, it shall bee sufficient to giue an answer by holding vp the finger.*

6. *That conspiratours bee forth-with starued to death, and other malefactors punished by the losse of a tooth.*

7. *That all Cookes that dresse not their meate according to the iudicious palate, be immediatly bound vnto stakes, & flesh halfe roasted hung by them, vntill some pittifull and hungry spectator take compassion on them, and eate it all vp.*

Sueton. in Claud.

8. *That to belch bee held not onely lawfull, but honorable alſo: and that the gouerment of the next future feaſt bee aſsigned vnto him that broke winde the ſtrongſt at the laſt.*

(b) The reaſon of this law is to bee read in the next chapter.

9. *That (b) if any one hold his breath whileſt his belly is a meaſuring, he be forthwith made vncapable of all aduancement, and condemned to faſt one whole day in a grate, where he may behold the reſt of the* Alder-guts *at dinner and ſupper.*

10. *That euery mans weekly maungery be brought in a* billa vera *by his fellow Gurmond vnto the Regiſter to be recorded, and withall, that if he haue not fulfilled the lawe in that caſe enacted, hee may be accordingly fined.*

Signed All-Paunch.

(c) Beth-lehem in Hebrew, is the houſe of bread in Engliſh

Thoſe that are the leaſt offenders, are put for foure and twenty houres into *the Temple of Famine*, a priſon directly contrary vnto our (c) *Bedlem*. It ſtands without the Cittie as *Æſculaps* temple ſtood

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without *Rome*; but not for healths ſake (as *Plutarch* ſaith how that did) but onely leaſt ſuch as are condemned vnto that gaole ſhould ſo much as once ſent the ayre of the Kitchin. The walls of it are all painted about with all manner of good victualls, onely to excite the priſoners appetite vnto his greater plague, and verily one *Ieſuite* or other hath ſeene theſe walles, and there-vpon deuiſed pictures for their *Chambers of meditation*. They vſe no money: what haue wee to doe, ſay they, with theſe ſapleſſe and vnſauory mettals? no, they follow that ancient cuſtome that (*d*) *Ariſtotle* records, and barter goods for goods by way of exchange. Two ſparrowes is the price of a ſtare, two ſtares for a black-bird, two black-birds for a hen, two hens for a gooſe, two geeſe for a lambe, two lambes for a calfe, two calfes for a goate, & two goates for a cow: and thus they do alſo in fiſh and rootes, at a ſet price: the towle-mens eſpeciall care beeing this, that neither their ſtuffe be too bad, nor their price too great.

(*d*) In Politic.

Their Religion.

Chap. 10.

THey cannot endure *Iupiter*, for he, when hee thunders, ſowres all their wines, and ouer-wets their plants with vnſeaſonable ſhowers. They haue a good deuotion vnto God *Trine*, becauſe he eateth vp althings before him, and ſhewes himſelfe herein a true *Eat-all*. They haue built a goodly temple vnto him, in which I ſaw the picture of *Saturne* eating vp his children, paſſing artificially portrayed. On *Shroue-tueſday*, they offer ſacrifice vnto the *Genius* of the place, whom they hold for their chiefe Deitie, and almoſt for their onely deity: Euery yeare once doth this power appeare vnto them in forme of a monſtrous Fowle, moſt huge and moſt rauenous, (the inhabitants call him R V C) and accepts the offrings of his ſeruants, and they for their parts are not behinde hand with him, but preſent him with whole *Hecatombes* of raw-fleſh, thus ordered.

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In *Pewter-platter-ia* (of which you heard before) there is a large plaine, lying towards the South, circled in with mountaines on each side. Vnto this plain do all the inhabitāts flock at a certain day appointed, bringing with them an ocean of victuals, Elephants, Rhinocerots, Camells (all which they feed for this purpose, for other-wise they would neuer keepe such vnprofitable creatures) Oxen of the largest size, Boares, Sheepe, Goates, togither with a whole army of Birds, all with the feathers pluckt off: all these they put as it were into this large cage; which being done, they get them vp on the mountaines sides, as if they tooke their seates in a play-house, and with bended knees doe there expect the comming of this great Deity, old *Ruc* of *Rucs* hall. At length sir, you shall see him come a farre off, with a noise, able to deafe the whole nation three hundred miles about, with a great crooked bill as bigge (*a*) (almost) as halfe the *Equinoctiall* circle, with a paire of tallants, like two broade spred Okes, with two

(*a*) Almost, not fully so big: it wants some 359. degrees, 59. min. 60. seconds.

eyes

eyes in his head like two townes that were on fire, and ſuch an inundation of Harpies, Rauens, Vultures, and Haukes, about him, ! O ſtrange ! ſtupendious ſight, for man to ſee ! with a cry, able to procure an earth-quake they approach the plaine, and by and by, their wings eclipſe the Sunne, and bring a midnight ouer the whole valley, they are ſo huge a multitude.

Three times they flagge abont the plaine, while the people powre out their very bladders in teares, and all that is in their bellies in hearty praiers vnto this route of religious birdes. By this time, Generall R V C, the leader of this ſtarued regiment hath ſpied his pray, for hee out of all that *Folio* Catalogue of Carcaſſes, muſt chooſe what pleaſes his tooth firſt, ſupoſe hee take ſome fiue Elephants, or halfe a-ſcore oxen, he is to be firſt ſerued, and then euery one to his ſharke, tagge and ragge: there yee ſhould ſee one fly away with a Calfe here another with a Lambe, there one with a Boare and here another

with a Swanne, euery one fitting his luggage to his ſtrength, and thus with a reuerent and religious applauſe of all the lookers on, *(b)* they depart euery one with his cariage, and leaues the reſt behind them: all which (and that is an huge deale of meate) the people are bound in conſcience to get ready and eate vp ere they goe, whereby their bellies are ſo ouer-ſtuffed, that they loath fleſh almoſt forty daies after, during which ſpace they liue all vpon fiſh (but that is coſtly dreſt with ſirrups and ſauces) and with the dainties of *Banquet-ois*: both to refreſh themſelues with the delicacy thereof, as alſo to returne to fleſh againe which the ſharper appetite, hauing thus long forborne it. Sure as death the Pope had his *Lent* ſent him out of this country, vpon the granting them ſome odde indulgence, or vpon diſpenſing with them for *Ember* weekes.

(*b*) Into the forreſts of *Theutgen*, whereof read the 4. booke. chap. 4.

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The Election of the Great Duke.

CHAP. II.

NOw wee come to the Great Dukes Palace, and thether by good chance came I, the very same day that a new Duke was elected, according to the custome of the country. There is a Stately Palace standeth vpon a narrow ledge of land lying iust betweene *Eat-allia* and *Drink-allia*, which also ioyneth them both together; This pallace was built (as their most ancient Chroniclers auouch) by a Giant called (in the sayd Chronicles) *All-Paunch*: who was of an incredible height of body; not like him whose picture the Schollers of *Cambridge* goe to see at *Hogmagog* hills: but rather like him that ought the two aple-teeth which were digged out of a Well in *Cambridge* that were little lesse then a mans head, (yet was not the tooth that was found on the shore of

Vtina any way comparable to theſe) *Plinyes* (a) *Oreſtes*, or (b) *Plutarches Orion* were but dwarfes in reſpect of this ſame great *All-Paunch*. Suppoſe rather that you ſaw *Anteus* that was three-ſcore cubites heigh, or him whoſe carcaſſe beeing digged vp at *Drepano*, was, (as *Boccace* affirmeth the *Symetrians* to haue gathered by his thigh bone) two hundred cubites in length, this later I thinke might bee brother to him wee ſpeake off.

(a) Who was 7. cubites high. Plin lib. 7. chap. 16.
(b) Who was 16. cubites in height.

This *All-Paunch* was the firſt that conquered this countrie from the *Thriuingois*, draue them all out of the land, brought in a new people, and gaue them new lawes: and his ſoule they imagine (as *Pythagoras* his opinion affirmed) to bee entred into that huge bird RVC, in which ſhape (as I ſaid) they do yearly adore him. The ſilly people haue this fellow in as great reuerence as the Turkes haue *Mahomet*. Hee lyeth buried in the midſt of the Palaces Baſe Court: Where for a ſacred memorial of him, there is a Statue erected,

farre

farre higher then *Lisippus* his brazen colossus, neare vnto which his tombe is, vpon which I discerned some markes of letters, but antiquity had so eaten them out, as *Ouid* saith:

Old time that razeth all and spareth none,
And age that eateth through the hardest stone

had so defaced the inscription, that I could scarcely make any good sence of it.

The fragments stood in this manner.

I. ALI. PANCH

DYKE OF TENTERBELLY
LY HERE. A LORD. A VICTOR
A PRINCE. A DEITY. LET NO:
NE GOE BY ME FASTING
NOR NAME ME HVNGRY. NOR
SALVTE ME SOBER. BE MINE
HEIRE HE THAT CAN. MY
SVBJECT HE THAT WILL
MINE ENEMY HE THAT
DAIRE.

Farewell, Bentes and
be Jatte.

Now I imagine it ſhould conteine theſe words; Iudge I pray the Gentle reader, and if thou canſt reſtore the fragments to their true contents better then I haue done here, thou maiſt doe the *Antiquaries* much pleaſure herein: Ithinke it is thus.

I ALL-PAVNCH, DVKE OF TENTER-BELLYE, LY HERE ENTOMBED. DYING A LORD, A VICTOR, A PRINCE, A DEITY. LET NONE GO BY ME FASTING, NOR NAME ME HVNGRY, NOR SALVTE MEE SOBER. BE MINE HEIRE HEE THAT CAN, MY SVBIECT HEE THAT WILL, MINE ENEMY HE THAT DARE. FARE-WEL BELLIES AND BE FATTE.

This tombe is to bee ſeene in the pallace of the Duke, who hath his regalitie according to this firſt Dukes

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inſtitution, not by ſucceſſion, but by election, for there are foure chiefe linages, or families in the land: The *Treble-chins*, the *Bacon-choppes*, the *Wool-ſacks*, and the *Nimble-iawes*: any one of theſe foure houſes may ſtand for the Dukedome, and vpon deſert obtaine it. This now is the order of the election: there is a yearely tilting ordained (not any tilting with ſpeares, but a tilting of barrells) whervnto euery one comes armed with his teeth, all new ſharpened, and to it they goe, where hee that vnhorſeth moſt meate, and lifteth moſt meaſures of wine out of their pewter-ſaddles, is not onely honoured with a crowne of cluſtered vines, but furthermore is made Lord high Steward of the *Land*, the Dukes next inferior: which done, and the tournament ended, each one ariſeth (if hee can) and laying his hand on the ſacred tombe of dead Duke *All-Paunche*, taketh an othe by the deities of *Bacchus*, *Saturne*, and the reuerend *All-Paunch* to performe his duety in this election

without any partiall dealing whatſoeuer.

Then they depart vnto the Theater which is prepared for that daies vſe (not too high for feare of beeing tired ere they got vp ſtaires) and there they take their places to behold this future election. Then firſt commeth forth the new choſen Lord high Steward, and he bringeth in his hand a golden girdle, all enchaſed with Pearles, Diamonds, Rubies &c. and this they call *The holie belt of State*: and vpon it, I eſpied theſe words, ſet in perfect Rubies; NOTHING, IF NOT BEYOND.

Now firſt, the laſt yeares Duke puts it on, and taketh the exact meaſure of his owne Souſe-tub, and then al the reſt of the Nobility doe ſo after him, and hee that can ſet it on the tenters (without ſtretching of his bellie, or holding of his breath) ſo ſtiffe, that it neede bee letten out one hole more; Hee is the man that with great acclamations is proclamed *High Duke of*

Tenter-

Tenter-belly. And then presently commeth his Cup-bearer, and vpon his knees presents him with a siluer tankard of some dozen quartes, and intreates his Grace to drinke a health vnto the people.

Hee takes it, and lifting vppe the Lidde, beginnes an oration to the people befitting occasion, or if hee bee no good oratour, yet hee giues them as kinde a congratulation as hee can.

Truely I was verie attentiue to it (*b*) but they doe all speake so in the throate, that I could neither like the sound nor learne the sence, vntill mine interpretour told mee how it was: and thus it was indeede.

After hee had yeelded thankes (quoth hee) to *Bacchus*, (*c*) *Carnea*, and all those fauourable deities, especiallie to his owne *Great Mawe*, the giuer of such high honours, and had giuen gramercie to his eyes, that had be held him the best man in all *Tenter-bellie* (*d*) erre they fell

(*b*) Yee know that the fattest Geese haue the smallest wind-pipes.

(*c*) The God desse of all shambles and flesh-markets whatsoeuer.

(*d*) The honester they, to stick so truel to him.

The Dukes Oration to the people after his election.

out, hee turned his ſpeach vnto the people, and in moſt excellent and Rhetoricall good tearmes, tooke a freſh oathe by Saint *All-Paunche*, that hee would be a Bulwarke to our liberties, a drudge to our buſineſſes, a terrour to our enemies, a childe to our aduiſes, a follower of our counſells, a preſeruer of our ſtudies, a father to our deſires, an enlarger of our Weaſands, and an increaſer of our meaſures: finally, he would preſerue vs as wee were now, and make vs as wee would bee. And then hee denounced himſelfe a profeſſed foe to *Hunger*, *Abſtinence*, *Diet*, *Naughty Ale* and *Meagerneſſe of wine*, *beere*, and *bodie*, and ſwore once more (to aſſure vs) that while hee bare that roiall belt, none ſhould either faſt vnpuniſhed, or bee drunke vnrewarded.

Goe on my good ſubiects (quoth he) I adiure you by the ſacred weight of your well diſtended wombes, goe on, bee yee all and alwaies free and frolicke! O the royalty of reuells! O honorable helter skelters! Let neuer

this goodlie formed Goblet of wine (quoth hee, and tooke vppe his pot of twelue quartes) goe *Iouiallie* through mee, (and then hee ſet it to his mouth, ſtole it off euery droppe ſaue a little remainder which hee was by cuſtome to ſet vpon his thumbes naile and licke it off, as hee did, and then proceeded) vnleſſe I doe from the bottome of mine heart, will and wiſhe you continuallie dronken heads, full bellies, and fatte fortunes.

Then hauing made an end, the audience made all ring with their applauſe, they gaue it him ſo fully and ſo faithfully: *Longe liue* Bounſingut, Wool-ſack, Cæſar, *Emperor of* Tenter-belly, *long liue he, long reigne hee, long grow hee*; this they rattled yee vppe, at leaſt a dozen times ouer.

Then were the armes of the Dukedome giuen him, which was the *Rampant Eſtridge*, ſwallowing of an Iron horſhooe: the word *Diſgeſt, and Do beſt*. For his ſword and ſcepter, the Lord High-Steward preſented him with a

great knife, and a pretty golden Tunne, and in deliuering them (according to custome) pronounced these words, *Vse and enioye them* . But then for the Coronation dinner and supper! Oh mercifull Heauens! what Castles of platters and chargers, what mountaines of flesh and banquetry, what deluges of Wine Ale and Vsquebath did I see there! I will neuer stand vpon perticulars: onely this I cannot ommit, the streetes that night were strowed so thicke with drunken carcasses that I thinke in conscience there was neuer more memories left in the field, of the greatest massacre that euer this moderne age was witnesse of.

There are diuers Cities besides in this dominion, as *Swallow-all*, *Hoggesden*, *Tickle-Chere*, and (e) *Lickingoa*, but their formes of gouernment are peculiarlie declared in the description of *Flesh-Pastinople*, and so need no perticular rehearsall.

(e) Lickingoa is a colony, sent from Goa in the East-Indies, saith *Pantagruel* in his *Merda Geographica*. lib. 7. chap. 39. Sect. 594.

The

The Starueling Iland, or Hungerland.

Chap. 12.

BVt wee had quite forgotten the remembrance of *Starueling Iland*, take it therefore with you now, as a pennance for your tedious abode in *Eat-allia*. It lieth vnder three and thirty degrees of longitude, and foure and fifty of latitude, beeing on the North, directly opposite vnto *Cabo Bianco*, and on the South, vnto *Filtching-Fennes*. It is a stonie, swartie, barren, Grass-lesse, sandie soyle: there are some trees in it, but they haue neuer an inch of barke left, nor blossome, nor budde: nay the plentie of all places, the weede, cannot finde in his heart to make any (the smallest) residence in these quarters.

The Lands naturall barrennesse affordes no distinction either of Summer or Winter, whether it bee because

the inhabitants ſnappe vppe there herbes as ſoone as euer they peepe out of the Ground, or that it bee the effect of *Ceres* curſe, (who ſayling about the world to ſeeke her Daughter, made ſhip-wracke on the craggie ſhore of this Ile, and therevpon, they ſay, layde her malediction vpon it) it lies not in mee to reſolue you.

There is none that dwells in this ſoile willinglie, but all the inhabitants are Exiles: and their hew is naturallie betweene a pale and a ſwartie, their skinnes crumpled like halfe burnt partchment, and puckered like the hide of an Elephant: The Sunne did neuer ſee more meager creatures, you would ſweare they were Anatomies couered with freſh skinne, or els one of *Athenodorus* his apparitions, they looke ſo ghaſtly. You ſhall haue one laying a plotte how to intrappe the flies: another, contriuing a conſpiracie againſt the wormes; nay there bee they that ſitte ſhauing of the Earthes (GOD knowes

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already neere ſhorne) beard, to diſcouer the rootes of the vngrowne graſſe: nay they will lye in ambuſhes one for another (like ſo many (a) *Bald-Cannyes* in a dead vacation of butcherie) yet notwithſtanding they haue a good excuſe for this out of *Ariſtotle*, for you know that the greater number of ſtrangers arriuing, the greater ſcarcity of Belly-timber muſt needs enſue. By this meanes no ſtranger eſcapes them vnleſſe he bee either too ſtrong for their aſſaults, or too leane for their ſtomacks.

They are (moſt of them) Blackſmiths, notwithſtanding that the *Eate-alls* baniſh all their *Philoſophers* and *Phiſitians* hither, and ſo doe the *Spaniards* all their ſlaues that haue ſerued out their time.

They haue a ſtrange and fierce wilde Beaſt rangeth continually in the night all about the deſerts of this Iland, and they giue it the name of (b) *An Emptie-Maw*: It will keepe ſuch a terrible barking, that it makes the hollow ayre eccho againe: and he of this land that heareth

(a) Otherwiſe (although vnproperly) called *Cannibals*.

(b) We haue of theſe beaſts here in England, Duke *Humphrey* keepes a kennell of them continually.

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it not barke once in twelue houres, growes deafe immediatly, but hee that heareth it thrice in six and thirty houres and giueth it nothing to deuoure ere twelue houres more be runne (c) dieth presently, without all auoidance. Touching other beasts, I saw none in all this whole Iland, but a sort of Wolues, and some (d) *Monkeyes* that had eaten of a great part of their owne tailes. Not any else could I espie, Indeed I durst not make any long aboade in so leane a land, it was no wisdome, was it thinke yee?

(c) Prouided alwayes, that he can liue no longer.

(d) A Munkey will eate the owne taile for hunger.

Thus farre of Eat-allia, *and the adiacent Iles; now come we to* Drink-allia, *and so good night.*

Of Drink-allia, *the second prouince of* Tenter-belly.

Chap. I.

The Conditions of the Inhabitants.

LEt none expect any exact description of *Drink-allia* in this place, for I

durst

durſt not for mine eares offer to go into any Cittie of the whole Prouince, vntill it was darke night, that all the citizens were wrapt in wine and warme clothes, and then (you know) how was it poſſible to diſcouer any thing? you may perhaps ſay, what ſhould you feare? faith Ile tell yee: harke in your eare! I feared the *Burgomaiſters* bountie: for their faſhion is, as ſoone as any one ſettes foote in at the Cittie gate, to giue him, by my troth I wotte neere how many lifts of Wine for his welcome; oh they receiue him in pompe; and all of the common purſe of the Cittie: now ſo many ſtoopes muſt hee pull of, or elſe hee is held an vngratefull, vnmannerly fellow, and which is worſe, a direct foe to the common good of the Cittie. Now I feared both this honour and this danger, and now I hope you are anſwered. To our purpoſe.

This Prouince is ſome-what larger then *Eat-allia*, and what that hath in wealth, this hath in intemperancie. It

is as broad or rather broader then both the *Germanies*: nor is there any nation vnder the cope of heauen ſo fortunate, nor ſo aboundant in the delicate iuice of the grape, as this is. The peculiar wines of all our kingdomes of *Europe*, the *Germaines* Rheniſh, the *Frenchmans* White and Claret, the *Spaniards* Xeres, Malaga, and the Canaries, tuſh, they haue them all here in exceſſe. The temperature of their bodies are ſomewhat different from the *Eat-alls*, for theſe delight in the qualities of heate and drought, whereas the *Drink-alls* eſpecially affect heate and moiſture: ſo that the bordering neighbours doe ieaſtingly call the *Eat-alls*, *Blackmen*, and *Kitchin-Tenter-bellyes*, but the *Drink-alls* they name *Read-men*, and *Cellerian-Tenter-bellyes*. But their bodies and their wittes hold both one key in difference: for the *Drink-alls* as they are more ingenious then the *Eat-alls*, ſo are they much more laſciuious: In their young yeares they are generally very quick witted, but being come to a more grauer age (eſpecally old age) they

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grow ſo forgetfull, that you ſhall not haue one amongſt twenty that can remember his owne name.

The Shires of the Countrie.

Chap. 2.

THe Inhabitants affirme the whole Prouince to bee diuided into three Counties: the countie of *Wine-ceſter*, the county of *Vſque-bathe*, and the countie of *Hoppe-Sack*, or *Strong-biera*.

The firſt of theſe, *Wine-ſhire*, is parted from *Eat-allia*, vpon the weſterne verge thereof by the riuer *Piſſ-on*, a ſalt current that ebbes and flowes. This riuer runnes round about the Dukes Palace, and as for the ſaltneſſe, the *Philoſophers* of this countrie ſay it hath it not from the ſea, but from an ayrie humor that often-times falls vpon it. The firſt towne that I came vnto in this region, was called *Vine-ſpring*, and was in forme of a fiue-angled trencher: it lay downe as farre as *Vine-prophils*, and ſo ſome of it

became

became part of the ſuburbes of *Cluſter-beg*, a pretty fine Cittie, walled about with ſtones of the colour of bricke, but ſome-what deeper of dye. This Cittie ſtands in the bottome of *Preſſing-dale*, (a valley ſo called) through the which runnes a delicate riuer called *Iuice*, which paſſeth along by three or foure pretty cities, (ſeated vpon the bankes thereof, moſt iudiciouſly, and to the founders eternall commendations) their names as I remember were *Tankards-bridge*, that was the firſt, then *Tunning-trie*, then *Broachingford*, & laſtly, *Carouſi-kanikin*. *Tunning-try* I remember was fotified with a wall of wood, and *Broaching-ford* had neuer but one gate open at once, and that when it was ſhut, was made faſt with nothing but the end of a faggot-ſtick. There is not in all the world any one riuer comparable to this that runs through theſe cities; *Donaw*, *Thames*, *Volga*, *Seyne*, or Sir *Walter Rawleys* riuer of *Guiana*, put them all in, they are but kennells to this: for beſides the pleaſing *Meanders* that hee makes in his wanton

courſe,

courſe, the water is ſo ſweete and delicate, that neither the beſt *Europes* wine, nor the *Turkes* delicious (*a*) *Zerbeth* can poſſibly goe beyond it. This worthy ſonne of the *Ocean*, hath one peculiar fiſh belongeth vnto it, called a *Tappe*, and this fiſh will ſome-times lye by the ſhore, and ſpoute a huge deale of the water aloft, (mary the remaining of it in his belly hath made it ſome-what more pleaſing to the taſte then it was before) and this the inhabitants watch for in boates, and when they get it, make great ſtore of it. This riuer (as I told you) paſſeth through *Tuning-try*: maſſe I had forgotten one towne, it goeth from thence to *Celleridge*, ere it come to *Broaching-ford*, and ſo by *Broaching-ford* paſſeth directly vnto *Carouſs-kannikin*, the prime Cittie of the whole Prouince.

(*a*) A drinke made of honey and water.

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The deſcription of Carouſi-kanikin, *chiefe City of* Drinke-allia, *as alſo of the faſhions and conditions of the* Drink-alls.

Chap. 3.

Carouſi-kanikin, is a name that I vnderſtand not, further then that I haue a little light of it from the *Germaine* tongue, but as for the citie, it is built vpon an hill, and carieth the forme of a Tankard, from what quarter ſoeuer you behold it. It is of ancient renowne, and one of the beſt ſeated ports for traffique in all the whole land. On the Eaſt part it is ſtrongly fortified with Barricadoes, and Bulwarkes built all of Barrels, and the rooſes of the houſes are moſt of one and the ſame manner, tiled with the boords of broken Caskes. In the entrance of the gate, from morning vntill night there is placed a double canon of Pewter, (for their lawe commandeth this to bee duly obſerued) the citizens

call

call it *the Flaggon of Hoſpitalitie*, and round about it, are theſe words engrauen, *(a) Aut bibe, aut abi: Drinke or bee gone.* Hee that ariueth, muſt either lift it all of, or elſe he is caried before the Magiſtrate, to render accompt of his contumacie. The armes of the Citie are aduanced ouer the Gate, and they are the three horſe-leaches vpon three naked feete, in a bloudy field; the word, *Plenæ, quieſcimus. Being full, we reſt.* Here by a fortunate chance, did I meete with another ſtranger, a *Letcheri-tanian* borne, who was bound for the Citie as well as I, his name he told me was *(b) Cinciglion.* He (being acquainted with their faſhions) brought mee ſecretly by night into the towne, and ſhewed mee ſuch things as I ſhould neuer haue diſcouered of my ſelfe. Their buildings are not much vnlike the *Eat-alls*, but that the fronts of their houſes are ſo wholy hidde with ſpreading Vines, that had I not ſeene the ſignes hang out on euery ſide, I would haue ſworne I had beene in a Vineyard and not in a Cittie: in ſadneſſe

(a) Ἢ πίθι ἢ ἄπιθι, ſuch an inſcription is vpon the Dolphin in Cambridge.

(b) An Italian word expreſſing the noiſe that the wine maketh in running from the tap.

it was a pleaſant ſpectacle. In the Market place are all the meaſures hung vp in chaines, ſealed with the Dukes ſtampe on their tops, and by them, hangeth a table of the lawes of the land, which you ſhall haue truely ſet downe hereafter. The inhabitants go all naked, but for a wreath of Vines about their foreheads. But their skins are all carued with figures, and painted after the maner of the ancient *Picts*, and *Brittons*. One hath himſelfe drawne into the forme of a *Centaure*, another of a (c) *Tragelaphus*, a third of a *Pidgeon* (a terrible drinking byrd) and you ſhall haue ſome painted ſo perfectly like a flaggon, that if hee ſet but his hands on his ſides you would ſweare it were a liuing flaggon. I did ſee one alſo ſo directly in the ſhape of a Whale, that when hee vomited, no man in the world but would haue taken him for a liue Whale, ſpewing vp the *Ocean*. I had a great affection to ſee the maner of their publike feaſts, and yet not bee ſeene by the citizens. So mine hoſte at laſt agreed to performe my requeſt, and

(c) A beaſt that is halfe like a Goate, and halfe like a Stag.

ſatisfy my longing, mary hee gaue mee, withall, certaine cautions of danger, that might enſue if I were diſcouered, and likewiſe informed me in ſome neceſſary points of behauiour: ſo hauing mine inſtructions about me; I and mine honeſt hoſte, my leader, got vs into the Townes hall, in the euening, vnſpyed of any. By and by come the feaſters, and take their places, iuſt as the *Eat-alls* doe (as you haue heard) onely they had more drinke and leſſe meate. Euery one had his purueyance at either elbowe, a piſſe-pott for his vrine on one ſide, and a bowle for his vomite on the other.

At firſt, they begin a ſacrifice to *Bacchus*, their Generall *God*: not as the *Romanes* did of old, with powring a little wine vpon the ground; no, no, farre more religiouſly, and with more ſtately ceremonies. At the vpper end of the table ſtands a ſtatue of *Bacchus*, holding in his right hand a monſtrous great *Goblett* of ſuch weight, that (as *Virgill* ſayde once) the left

hand is now and then faine to helpe her ſiſter. Into this Goblet or ſtanding Cup, the maiſter of the ceremonies in the name of the whole company, powres an hoggſ-head of wine, (it holds no leſſe I can aſſure yee) which paſſing in pipes as if it were in veines vnto his mouth, and his t'other thing both at once, makes a pretty ſhew as hee both piſſed wine and ſpewed it, all in one moment. And this is the houre-glaſſe proportioning the continuance of the feaſt, for when he leaueth powring out, they muſt all leaue powring in, and that vpon paine of ſacriledge. Then ſir comes me vp a ſeruice of ſhooing-hornes (do yee ſee) of all ſorts, ſalt-cakes, red-herrings, Anchoues, & Gammons of Bacon (*Weſtphalia* may goe pipe in an Iuie leafe, if it ſeeke to equall theſe) and aboundance of ſuch pullers on. (d) And then begins the full potts to goe round about the table, and the empty againſt the walles, ſo that you cannot poſſibly tel whether they are ſooner filled to be emptied, or emptied to be filled: but (as *Plautus* ſaith of one) the drinke is ſure

(d) Here is no vſe of the ole Romane caution, vſed in their meetings, *Drinke three potts, or fiue, but neuer foure.* *Plutarch. Sympoſ. Acad. 3. Athanæ. 10 Plaut. in Stich.*

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to go, be it out of Can, (*e*) *Quoniam*, or Iourdan. Now when one of them will drinke to another, he firſt challengeth him with a ſolemne (*f*) ceremoniall ſong, and then they ioyne hands faſt together, and giuing a ſound ſhake or two, the challenger aduanceth his moiſtened weapon, and blowes it drye: hee may puffe a little, or talke a few gentle words among hands, but the pott is diſrobed of his liquor, ere it bee ſeuered from his gripe: and then the tother anſwereth him at his owne weapon. The ſecond courſe is not very dainty, but howſoeuer, they moyſten it well with redoubled rouſes. Then comes the fruite with the third courſe, and that in truth is very rarely furniſhed, which being almoſt finiſhed, and the cloth being now thruſt vpon an heape, the maiſter of the ceremonies cryeth **Healths**, three times with a lowd voyce. I imagined that this had beene a ſummons to the breaking vp of the companie and was a going hence; when mine hoaſt pulled mee by the ſleeue, why how now yee ſleepie ſpectator (quoth hee)

(*e*) A *Quonian* is a glaſſe as well knowne in *Drink-allia* as *Chaucers* old *Queynt* is in *Letcheri-tania*.

(*f*) The reliques of ſome tauerne catch.

and the feast is scarcely begun? stay and see the conclusion of it I pray yee: doe yee not see how fast God *Bacchus* his houre-glasse runnes? So I satte downe againe and stayed. Then steps mee out one of the company, and taking of his wreath, downe vpon his knees he goes, (I thought hee had beene going to his prayers) and presently calls for a quart pott. *An health* (quoth hee) *vnto Great Bousing-gut, Woolsack, Arch-duke of Ten-belly*, and presently the potte stops his mouth: he drinkes, he puffes, he belches, hee talkes, vntill within a while hee had gulpd downe as many quartes as his name had letters, and when he had done, hee falls a spewing, till all cryed twang againe, *and dyes* (as *Horace* said)

Moro tingit pauimentum superbo.

The pauement where he stood,
With proud Lyæan *bloud.*

Well, they all follow in order from the highest to the lowest, each one with the same pott, execution, & ejection: prooving him selfe hereby a faithfull citizen,

and

and (which is more) a ſtrenuous *Emptyan*. This paſt, vpſtarts another, with this catch, *A health to you and vs, this day, and health to all*. Drink-allia, ſeaſoning his ſong with many a goodly belche, and ſo downe vpon his mary-bones, & vp with the pott hand-ſmooth, the deuill a bone finds hee in the drinke. After him they muſt all follow, wo be to him that hangs an arſe. This ſhowre ouer-blowen, out ſteps a third, and hee aduanceth a quarte of plumpe *Lyæus* to the health of all the *Quagmiriſts* (which is the generall name of the Nobility) of the moſt famous and eternall Citie of *Carouſi-kanikin*; briefly, after him they goe, and thus euery man in order brings in his foundation of a new Round. Now euery man hauing his ſhare, they muſt each one in his order (poxe on't, that madded mee) goe play the (*g*) Poet, out of the inſpiration of *Bacchus* onely (the Muſes may go hang for any roome they haue here) & herein according to the old maner that *Plutarch* ſpeaketh of, euery one ſings his ſong, & inſteed of his Harpe, he had a knife and

(*g*) Of one of theſe might *Horace* haue truly ſaid, *Aut inſanit homo, aut verſus facit*, the man is mad, or elſe he maketh verſes

a quart pot, and truly they plaid fine muſick on it. One, in his ſong commended his miſtreſſe, another, the goodneſſe of the wine, a third related all the paſſages betwixt him and his wife at home, ſo that it made mee remember that old ſaying of *Liberius*:

Ebriulati mentem hilarem accipiunt.

When wines effect the braine doth binde,
Then mirth doth caper in the minde.

An other rimed all in Satyre againſt one that was not at this drinking: and euery one (mee thought) kept (*h*) *Anacreons* meaſures; (*Like will to like quoth the deuill to the Collier.*) But in the meane time, while theſe ſongs were a ſinging, it was a world to ſee their ſeuerall behauiours, euery man had his humor to himſelfe: you ſhould ſee one, for very pure loue, weeping in his fellowes boſome, and another ſitte a kiſſing of his companion, one ſetting his mouth on the racke with laughter (wiſe were the man that could tell at what,) another downe vpon all foure

(*b*) He was a drunken Poet and dyed of a ſurfet. Aske *Francis Meres* in his *VVitts Commō wealth* if you will not beleeue me.

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in deuotion to *Bacchus*, a third swaggering & swearing **goats hundred thousand tufels**, because the bowle of wine was brought him no sooner: a fourth arguing of religion and matter of state: & here in a corner you should haue a fift sit nodding and slauering, it would doe a blind-mans heart good to see him. But now at the beginning of the feast, because they are generally so slippery of memory that they quickly forget what they haue to doe, they haue a publike Notary, whom they call *(i) Clarke of the wind-pipe*, and he registers euery particular carouse, and so files them vp for common records: what each man hath drunke, and vnto whom; which done after supper hee readeth them to the company (if any man be awake to heare them)

Pottle-gulp.		*Swolne-gut.* - iii. Gallons.
Swolne-gut.		*Gultche.* - iiii. Gallons.
Dry-mouth.	vnto	*Lurtch-cup.* - iii. Pottles.
Draw-large.		*Broken-belt.* - vii Pottles.
Sup-it-off.		*Full-brink.* - halfe an hogs head

Concordat cum originali.

P. Skinker.

(i) The *wind-pipe* office there, is farre greater then the *Pipe* office here in *England.*

If

If any one haue failed in the taking of his liquour, hee muſt forth-with make preſent ſatisfaction, (if hee bee able) otherwiſe, at the next meeting hee is ſure to pay ſound intereſt for his forbearance. Well the roll being read, and the houre-glaſſe runne all out: Mary quoth I to mine hoſt but how will they get home now? that maruell I at moſt. Oh well inough ſir (quoth hee) feare ye not. Do yee not ſee thoſe ropes there in the court, that are faſtned vnto them Iron rings? Theſe, their ſeruants (who may not touch a droppe of wine till the feaſt bee done) beeing ſo ſober as to know euery one his owne rope, doe take hold of, and the other end of it beeing faſtned to their maiſters dore, ſo draw themſelues and their Maiſters both in one cart, directly home, for theſe ropes are as good vnto them as a thred in a labyrinth. Maſſe you ſay true (quoth I) but what if one ſhould come in the meane-time and tie the ropes further end to a wrong dore? Why doe you thinke (quoth hee ſmiling) that any

one

one wakes this night? Yet I haue known it done, & the cart go to a wrong house and the man to another mans wife; who perhaps beeing as drunke as hee, neuer discouers the matter vntill next day at noone; and then, that which they ignorantly committed, they doe wittingly laugh at: for it is a principle here, that *a drunken man can neuer offend*; for it is the effects of *Bacchus*, that hee is but instrument vnto, and nothing else. But I remembred that place of *Lucian*, *Bacchus neuer bidds them drinke more then they neede.* In Dialog.

Of the Knights of the Golden Tun, and of the Lawes of this Citie.

CHAP. 4.

IN the townes Hall, (properlie called *Guilders Court*) there hangeth vp that ancient embleme of the order of their Knights, the *Golden Tunne*; Hee that can drinke this vessell

thrice

thrice off and goe his waies without indenting, for this good ſeruice is preſently knighted by the great Duke himſelfe, & hath a chaine of extraordinary value beſtowed vpon him beſides. Theſe knights haue a large Charter; and are allowed many goodly priuiledges; they haue abſolute commaund in al Tauernes, & at al Tables. They may furniſh ſo many ſoldiours in pewter-coates out of any mans celler in the towne, *Gratis*; and beſides they haue full authority to ſet what limmets they pleaſe vnto euery mans pot-licking. Theſe hardy men haue great conflicts at euery ſollemne meeting (as the *(a)* ſword-plaiers had in Rome) their weapons are full charged cuppes, and hee that carrieth moſt of them away cleere, is conquerour, and leads the reſt about the towne (if they can goe) in triumph. And this is their triall of the victory. If hee can put his finger iuſt into the flame of the candle without playing hit-I-miſſe I, let him ſpew whole fiſh-ponds, hee is held a ſober man.

(a) Or as the Helots had with the Lacedæmonians.

Now

Now gentle Reader will I preſent thee with the lawes both of *Carouſi-kanikin*, and of all *Drink-allia*: read and if thou wilt not laugh, chooſe.

IT IS DECREED, AND ABſolutely enacted, by the high and mighty *Duke of Tenter-belly*, *and the* whole States both of *Eat*allia *and* Drink*allia.*

1. *THat all promiſes, othes, bills, bonds, indentures or any other conueyances whatſoeuer, made, or cauſed to bee made in the after-noone, bee vtterly voide and of none effect.*

2. *That no man of what ſtate or degree ſoeuer hee bee, haue his cuppes priuate vnto himſelfe, vpon paine of drinking two daies, after in a fire-ſhouell.*

3. *That if any one caſt away any ſnuff, but meere froath, he be forthwith enioyned to goe downe vpon his knes and lick vp the otherwiſe perriſhing liquor.*

4. *That*

4. That euery one pledge his challenger in the ſame cup, and on the ſame faſhion, vpon paine of beeing debarred from drinke two daies after.

5. That the Pottes in banquets bee either alwaies full, or empty: the waiter that preſents a pot halfe filled, and the perſon that takes it ſhalbe both guiltie of breach of goodfellowſhip.

6. That hee that beeing ſober ſhall ſtrike him that is drunk, be immediate diſabled for euer giuing teſtimony in any cauſe whatſoeuer: but the drunken man ſtriking the ſober ſhalbe acquitted.

7. That he that being ſober ſhall robbe him that is drunke, bee forbidden wine for euer: and if he kill him, he ſhalbe put to death by thirſt.

8. That hee that ſhall ſpeake euill of the Duke of Tenter-belly, as in ſaying, God ſend him a dry health, or ſo, bee held guilty of high treaſon.

9. That hee whome either nature or ſickneſſe hath made abſtinent; bee baniſhed the land.

10. That hee that goeth from any

publique meeting, without ſtaggering, bee accompted a malefactor in the higheſt degree.

11. *That all that ſtay three daies in the Cittie, doe offer ſacrefice vnto* Bacchus.

12. *That the calling of a Citizen theefe or whore-marſter, beare no action, that to call him abſtayner, ſhalbe lyable to the lawe.*

13. *That hee that mixeth water with his wine, bee ſent to ſuppe amongſt the dogs.*

14. *That hee that ſweareth by* Bacchus, *and keepeth not his word, bee vtterly diſabled from making any will, and bearing any witneſſe.*

15. *That hee that ſtriketh with a pot, and either ſpilleth the wine, or breaketh the pot, bee enioyned to touch neither pot nor wine for foure and twenty houres after.*

Ouer the portall of the hall were theſe verſes written.

The houſe of youthfull mirth, and luſty cheere:
Peace, wine, ſport, reſt, haue al their manſions here.

Subſcribed

STILLTARD.

The

The artes, and Military diſcipline of the Drink-alls.

Chap. 5.

THe people of this Prouince are almoſt all bleere-eyed, and troubled with the palſie, with goodly Chowles about their necks and chinnes whereof the mountainers of the *Alpes* and the *Pyrenaian* hills are ſo proud. They are very good Painters, when drinke and age hath made their hands to quiuer, that you would thinke verylie (as *Lucian* ſaith) *that hee were ſober that did it, when indeed hee is as foxt as forty beggers.* They haue alſo ſome Poets amongſt them, whom their principall neuer crowneth with lawrell (becauſe that tree is a foe vnto the vine) but all with iuye: theſe Poets are the very off-ſcum of the baſeſt raſcally rabble, I am as much greeued that they ſhould beare that ſo ſacred a name, as *Antigenides* in *Apuleius* was, that horne-blowers ſhould be cal'ed

Cornetiers. They are the verieſt *Lack-latines*, and the moſt *Vn-alphabeticall* raggabaſhes that euer bred lowſe: they cannot make two rimes in their mothers tongue in two houres, and yet theſe ſhake-ragges liue by other mens trenſhers, filling all the tauernes in the town with *Epithalamiums*, Elegies, and Epitaphes, your eares would bliſter to heare them, theſe are they that haue the managing of maskes, and the diſpoſing of Pageants and haue the ſame ſway ouer the vſes of balets that the knights of the tunne haue ouer the barrells. They had but one good Poet (as it is ſaid) in an whole age, and hee was ſtarued to death for telling truth out of ſeaſon. They goe often to warre, in aſſiſtance of the *Eat alls*; but they neuer goe armed, not ſo much as with an Iriſh ſteel-coate, a ſhurt on their backes; their lances are ſapplins of Elmes, ſharpned and dried at the ends in the fire, but yet notwithſtanding (for ſtand well they cannot) it is admirable to behold both their valour in fight and their fortune

in conqueſt. Indeede they haue a law that none muſt goe ſober to the field, ſo that the wine maketh them as bold and valiant as Lyons, and you know full well, *Audaces Fortuna iuuat*, fortune helpes the forward.

The funeralls of one of the chiefe Quagmyriſts: and the Sacrifices of Bacchus.

Chap. 6.

THE ſame night that I was a ſpectator of their more then rambling reuells, one of the *Quagmyriſts*, whoſe houſe was of ſome height, beeing looſe in the breech, intending to goe thether whether neither Pope nor Emperour can ſend an Embaſſador, and being truely tapp-ſhackled, miſtooke the window for the dore, ſo ſtepping raſhly on, downe hee came with the wrong end forward, and in plaine Engliſh, broake his neck. His funeralls were very ritchly

set forth: I can tell, for I was at them. Euery man was died, all ouer with black, and for that day ware a cypresse wreath, in steed of his vines. The body was not layd in a coffin, nor vpon an hearse, as we vse, but being put into a caske halfe full of wine was so borne to the graue, and when hee came there, it was to lie rather in a cesterne of sacke, then in a graue of earth, and to bee drowned rather then buried. For whereas the *Romanes* vsed to cast balls of frankincence vpon the pile wherein the bodie was burnt, they did not so here, but each one powred his kanne of wine into the graue, and bidding thrise *Adieu* most *sweete and corpulent countriman*, put finger in their eye, wept some quart of Rheume and to it they went, hand in hand to the Tauerne. This *Quagmiriste* it seemes was well esteemed amongst them, for hee had a statue erected him in *Bacchus* his court, and vnder it these two verses in faire Romane letters.

Although he tooke his window for his dore
His valiat death shal make his honor more.

And vpon his graue they ſet vp a pritty obeliske, and a brazen flaggon on the top of it, with theſe verſes carued round about it.(a)

(a) Three ſuch Epitaphes in Lattine are to be ſeene at Siena, two in San Domingo, and one in S. Spirito.

By wine I liu'd, and wine me kild, men ſay:
For being ſober, I could nere ſee day.
Gone is my fleſh, yet thirſt lies in the bone:
Giue me one rouſe my freind, and get thee gone.

Farewell fellow toſſe-pots.

Now had I ſtaid too daies in this towne, without euer beeing demanded what I was, but then mine hoſt came and told mee, my friend quoth hee, you haue had a faire reign; if you ſtay one day longer, you muſt perforce do ſacrifice vnto god *Bacchus*: I may not conceale you further vnleſſe you would haue mee forſworne. No, quoth I? what cuſtome is that I pray you that you are ſo ſtrictly bound vnto? Tell mee the courſe, and Ile either performe it and ſtaie longer, or els Ile get mee preſently gone, and ridde vs both from future

danger.

danger. Well ſir (ſaies hee) ſaw yee not the ſtatue of *Bacchus* yeſterdaie in *Gulpers Court*, and the huge goblet hee holdeth, wherein they powred the wine that runnes out at two paſſages? yes that I did. Well then, you muſt ſet your mouth to one of them (chooſe you which) and ſuck vntill yee bee able to ſtand no longer, but fall flat to the ground, and ſo muſt you lie vnder the ſpout, wallo-wing in the wine, vntill all bee runne out vpon you. How like you this? Faith not altogither ſo delightfull (quoth I) but I pray tell mee, was there euer any ſtrangers that offered this ſacrifice? All, all, (quoth hee) not a man nor a mans taile eſcapes it, but to it hee muſt, maugre his beard; ſome will come ſpiritfullie to it, but others are faine to bee haled to their teate, like a Beare to the ſtake.

Well ſir (quoth I) but Ile be iogging hence: Onelie I would intreate yee to informe mee which country in this tract is next in dignitie vnto this of

yours and worthieſt of trauell. So ſaith hee told mee: *Hot-waters* quoth hee) is the beſt, ſome call it *Liquour-ardente*, it is vnder the gouernment of *Sir Limbeck Stillitorye*, a knight of the noble familie of the *King-Cuppes*: and ſoledde mee forth, ſhewed mee the way, as plaine as *Dunſtable* roade, and then curteouſlie gaue mee the *Baſcio los manos*, and I thankt him heartily for his *Valienado*, and parted.

Of Hot-watrea, or Licor-ardente, and of the pilgrimage of Saint Borachio.

Chap. 7.

NOw gan I all alone to take my way towards the North, leauing the riuer of *Froath*, behinde mee, vntill I came at (*a*) *Spewerſ-burie*, the filthieſt towne that euer I ſaw ſince my mother cradeled my head. Well I ſtaid not long there (I had not neede) but on I paſſed vntill I came to *Coeperſ-nor-ton*, a

(*a*) If Bucklerſbury ſtood alone it were very like this towne. Sure as death there is ſome affinity betweene them

pretty

pretty well ſeated village, but not a droppe of water was to bee got in it for loue nor money: the reaſon is (as I heard afterward) leaſt they ſhould mixe it with the wine and ſo prooue euill common-wealths men. Onelie this I muſt tell the reader: by the way, for I promiſe yee it put mee often to a ſhrewd putther, I was as much troubled with pottes and flaggons in my iourney, as the traueller that hath farre to goe, is with the *Spaniſh* and *Italian* Croſſes: I could neuer goe three miles to an end, but I ſhould finde a bouncing tankard: kenneld vnder an arch, and drinke I muſt needes, no gain-ſaying the lawes of the Lands holie hoſpitality: at laſt I ouertooke a traueller, in an old tatterd Caſſocke of haire-cloath, barefoote and bare-head. I demaunded whether hee went ſo faſt. Sir (quoth hee) I haue vndertaken a long Pilgrimage vnto Saint *Borachio* of *Bottleſbrooke.*

I wondered at this new name, and this as yet vndiſcouered Pilgrimage, ſo I

queſtioned him at large of the country, of this townes ſituation, and diſcipline, and finally of the vertues of this *Borachio*. *Bottles-brooke ſir* (quoth hee) is ſeated in the confines of *Hot-watria*, and *Letcheritania*, and is of great fame through out both the ſoiles. Beſides diuers other ancient monuments in the towne there is a temple of *Bacchus Fiery-face*, they call it the *Chappell Ardent*, where a ritch and rare ſtatue of his is erected, not like a grown man as elſe-where it is, but of an informed birth, iuſt as his father tooke him from the burning wombe of *Semele*, ſo is it, hauing beene long ago ſo cut, out of the hard Rocke of Rubies. The top of this temple is al ſet with Carbunickles & golden ſparks, moſt ritch to behold, & from the embowed arch there drops they ſay, a kinde of hot fuming liquour (as the (*b*) *Cataracts* doe in ſome places of *Mar del zur*) and is receiued into a *Borachio* that ſtandes placed accordinglie, whoſe vertue is ſuch, that if one drinke a large draught of it with good deuotion, he ſhall neuer in

(*b*) Hackluits voyages affirme as much.

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all his life after be either drunke before noone, or a thirſt before midnight: both which helpes may doe mee much good, for I am a man ſo employed in my countrie, that I can neuer lye in my bed vntill mid-night for thirſt, nor neuer riſe in the morning but before noone I am drunke and faſt a ſleepe againe. Therefore haue I gone this three dayes without drinking at all, (ſaue that I dranke one diſh of water this morning) becauſe I would merite the more of this holy Saint *Borachio* when I come there; nor dares any man importune mee to drinke, or any in my company as long as I weare this weede. Bir-lady ſir you muſt thinke I was not meanly glad of ſo good a priuiledge, and therefore I intreated both his company and patronage. Well, wee went chatting on, vntill I obſeruing the ſoile altered, asked him where we were now. This country (quoth he) euer ſince wee came ouer the Lake *Metheglin*, is called the (*c*) Countie of *Vſquebath*, being the firſt ſhire of *Hott-watria*: It is not ſo well husbanded, but it is farre

(*c*) Our ordinary paſſe to Ireland is through Wales.

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more fertile then our country of *Wineceſter*, exceeding both in fatneſſe of ſoile and pureneſſe of ayre. So when I heard the name I vnderſtood preſently both ſ originall and the definition thereof. *Vſquebathia*, becauſe they drinke there *Vſque ad Baſ*, euen to the bottome: there are other deriuations thereof, but thoſe I leaue vnto the ſix wits to cenſure of. The people of this nation are generally fulſome and ſlouenly, and of a continuall fearce and terrible aſpect (vnleſſe they be drunke) yet they vſed mee very kindly for my religious pilgrims ſake (as they are very much giuen to ſuperſtition) who lodged with me the firſt night in the common hoſpitall of an obſcure little cittie (I forgot the name) yet we lay very quietly, for wee found all the towne dead drunke at our comming, and left them ſo at our parting, much other matter paſt vs, but I leaue it as vnworthy of regarde. At length through many craggie, fennie, woody paſſages, wee ariued at a famous port towne, called *Puerto d' Aqua forte*. Now quoth I (being

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as weary as a dog) whether goe we now? is not this *Bottlesbroke*? O Lord no quoth he: but cheere vp your ſelfe, we haue not a foote of ground more to paſſe vntill we bee there, all the reſt of our iourney lyes by water: which when we haue paſſed, we ſhall coaſt a little by the pleaſant ſhores of *Hott-watria*, and preſently we are at *Bottlesbroke*: (this country is like *Denmarke* parted into two by the ſea, & that was the cauſe of our croſſing the water. Well, to ſhip we went, and away: By this time imagine vs in the midſt of the ſea: well, my heart is cold yet to thinke but what a danger wee eſcaped there: for looke yee ſir, our Mariners were all drunke to a haire, not a man could guide himſelfe, if hee might haue a kingdome. One was a ſleepe at the ſterne: another going about to row, had *Palinures* deſtinie, and fell ouer-boord, whō two more ſeeking to hale vp again, had not we two held thē, had both falne after. A third falls into choller, & laieth a fourth ouer the pate for not helping his fellow: he ſtrikes againe, & to it they go,

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fight Beare fight dogge: and all the reſt diuided themſelues on two ſides. Now flew the pondrous oares about their eares, and clubbs and pumpe-ſtaues, all their armes appeares, the water was quiet, and euery one vſed his oare in the aire. But indeed they are eaſily knockt downe, whoſe ham-ſtrings *Bacchus* hath already cut in two. Flat they lay, all but a couple of conquerors, who being too late weary of the maſſacre, fell vpon vs two, laying all the blame vpon vs. But wee two, ſcorning to bee put downe by two walking tankards, got vp a couple of cudgels, and gaue them their due, diſarmed them, bound them faſt to the Maſt, and plaide the ſailers our ſelues. But our boat (ſympathizing belike with hir ancient maiſters the drunkards) did ſo welter from ſide to ſide, that had not *Æolus* ſent vs a ſtrong gale, and forced the boate on againſt hir will, wee had laide our bones in the bottome of thoſe ſeas, for ought that I ſaw, and my religious fellow had neuer ſeene Saint *Borachio*. As we ſailed on, I deſcried a farre

of, on the left hand, a certaine high Iland couered with ſnow, and asking him how he called it, It is (quoth he) *the Frozen Iland*, where *Bacchus* liued for feare of his ſtep-dames wrath, when hee was young: and the inhabitants vſing him churliſhly, and at length chaſing him by force from thence, his father being offended, laid a plague of perpetuall ſnow and darkneſſe vpon them. But whence is that ſmoake I ſee a farre off? That ſmoake comes out of *Mount Denis*, wherein the ſoules of ſuch as either liued too ſoberly, or killed themſelues deſperately, are purified by fire; and there they burne, vntill ſome of their liuing friends go in Pilgrimage to *Chappell Ardent* for a bottle of S^t. *Borachios* water, & powring that vpon their tombe, they are freed. I ſmiled at this, and thought, now ſurely I haue found the originall of Purgatorie; let *Abbat Odilo*, and his Monkes of *Corunna* tell mee neuer ſo many tales of mount *Aetna*, and many good morrows: 'tis here or 'tis no where.

Dionyſius is *Denis*, and *Bacchus* both.

Well, at length we came a ſhore, and

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found it a pretty ſweete towne in truth (to giue it the due) marry it was both paued with bottles, and roofed with letherne bougets. I doe not remember I ſaw any artificer in all the towne but letherne Iack-makers, and taylors for Bottle-caſes; ſo that now I ſaw what vtterance the *Eat-alls* had for their hides. The reaſon is, the men of this towne and country, vſe no pure wine, as the other *Drink-alls* doe, but certaine diſtilled waters mixt with the ſtrongeſt grape they can get, which are ſo forcibly hott, that the brittle glaſſe cannot hold them, and therefore they are driuen to fortifie their bottles with letherne Ierkins, riuetted together with pitch and roſen. The citizens are fiery of face, and cholericke of condition, enuious, ſuſpicious, paralitique, and of a ſtaggering manner of pace in their going: but that which is moſt terrible of all, they drinke and they breath nothing but meere flames. As much cold water, or ſcarr-gut, as one of vs will drinke, ſo much fire will one of them take: that a man would verily ima-

gine when hee ſaw them, that they were ſo many fire-drakes, or Saint *Georges* dragons. I was in danger of water before, but now I feared nothing but that I ſhould be ſtifled with fire. So that I left my companion in his oriſons vnto *Bacchus* (I loued him well, but I loued my ſelfe better) the very next morning I got me out of this *Vulcans* ſhop, for ſo it was, and a very *Cyclops* forge, rather then a Citie of *Bacchus*. Now being vpon my way, I began to reſolue with my ſelfe to paſſe by the verges of *Lecheritania* back againe, and ſo to ſee ſome-what of the faſhions of the (*a*) *Hop-ſackers*, the third countie of *Drink-allia*, but iuſt as I was plodding on with this thought in my head, ruſhes mee forth an Ambuſh of armed *Sheelandreſſes* (you heard of *Shee-landt* before) beſette mee, tooke mee, and carryed mee priſoner (the more vnfortunate I) a long and toyleſome iourney, euen to the chiefe cittie of the land, called *Goſſipingoa*.

(*a*) Otherwiſe called *Strongbicros*.

I would not haue the reader take any vnkindneſſe at my hands for omitting § reſt

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of *Drink-allia*, for as my Pilgrim told me, it is the baſeſt part of the land, this countie of *Hop-ſack*; and but that it is more beaſt-like, different in nothing from the others which you heard deſcribed before.

Finis lib. I.

The ſecond Booke.

The deſcription of *Shee-landt*, or *Womandeçoia*.

Of the ſituation and the parts thereof.

Chap. I.

THE new diſcouered *Womandeçoia*, (which ſome miſtaking both name and nation) call *Wingandecoia*, & make it a part of *Virginia*)

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otherwise called *Shee-landt*, lieth in that part of the Southerne continent, which our Geographers of *Europe* (*a*) called *Psytacorum Regio*, *the land of Parrots*. On the North side it boundeth vpon *Letheritania* (a nation that is a great enemy to it) on the South, vpon *Thriuingois*: on the East, vpon the two *Fooliana's*, the Fickle and the Fatte. The soile thereof is very fruitfull, but (*b*) badly husbanded: It is diuided into many Prouinces, both large and ritch, yet all of seuerall conditions, habites and languages. The principall of them are these; *Tattlingen Scoldonna*, *Blubberick*, *Giggloe-angir* the high and the lowe; *Cockatrixia*, *Shrewesbourg*; and *Blackswanstack*, otherwise called *Modestiana*. Not farre from these is also an Iland called *Ile Hermaphrodite*, or more properly, *Double-sex*. Many of these Prouinces did I passe through, sore against my will Ile bee sworne. But to speake the truth, *Tattlingen* is the best country of all the rest, & hath many faire cities in it, as *Pratlingople*, *Tales-borne*, & *Lypse-wagg*, through the last of which

(*a*) Ouer against *Moletare* and *Beach*.

(*b*) Twere pitty it should be otherwise, being so shrewdly wiued.

there runneth a great riuer called *Slaney*, which some-times will ouer-flow the bankes, and drowne all the lower part of the country, which they call *Chinn-dale*, but the countrimen haue now deuised very strong rampires of bones and bend lether, to keepe it from breaking out any more, but when they list to let it out a little now & then for scouring of the channell. But of all the citties of *Tattlingen*, or of all *Shee-landt*, *Gossipingoe* is the principall. Thether was I brought, and detained a great deale longer then stood with my good liking: I will (for passing away a little time vntill the Capon bee enough, we haue nothing else to do) discourse the whole progresse of their dealing with mee here, and then Ile goe on with the conditions of this new nation.

How the Gossipingoesses *vsed the Author of this discouerie.*

Chap. 2.

AS soone as these cruell conqueresses had taken mee vpon the borders of *Lecheritania*, they brought mee away to

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their chiefe city, & so to the court, told a bell, and presently all the inhabitants came flocking thether in a trice, & began to prie more narrowly vpon mee who stood bound sure enough (god wot) for offering them any false measure. At length, one of the rout, (their *Captainesse* it seemed shee was) gaue a signe to the rest to be silent (as she had need) and then bespake the company thus. What, or of whence this fellow is, I doe not know, onely wee tooke him in the confines of yonder damned country *Letcheritania*, and seeing they haue offered vs so much iniury, I hold it very fitte now (if it bee not too late) to begin to take reuenge of them, and first with this prisoner. Now she hauing made an end, I got leaue (with much a doe for noise) to speake, & so declared my nation, and the cause of my wandring as well as I could, and told her *womanship* that for my part I had not any acquaintance at all in *Letcheritania*, I was one that wished her *Madam-hood* and all hir sex all the good I could, and that it would derogate much from her nature,

clemencie, and from the honor of her iuſt gouernment to condemne an Innocent pilgrim, and one that had not offended, without hearing of his cauſe. Well theſe good words I can tel yee wrought ſo prettily well, that the poore yong wenſhes began many of them to weepe: yet the old counteſſes were not ſo much ouer-ſwaied by mine oration, but that I muſt to priſon to a great houſe in the market place called *Cold and comfortleſſe*, vntill my country and cauſe of trauell were truely manifeſted vnto the *Shee-counſell*. Well to warde I went, and but that my countries name (the (a) true Paradice of women) pleaded for mee, I had neuer come home aliue, for all the *Lecherſtanians* that they take, they either faire hange vp, or els put them vnto moſt ſlauiſh offices in this priſon. Herein plaging them for their iniuryes offered; for that Nation, although it bee moſt laſciuious, yet it rũneth a madding eirher after whore, or els in beſtiality, either neglecting their wiues vtterly, or els keeping them continuall priſoners

(a) It is a prouerb in *France* that *England* is the paradice of women, the purgatory of ſeruants, and the Hell of horſes.

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through mad-braind ielouſie. O how many noble captaines did I ſee here wearing out their liues in ſpinning, carding woll and knitting? faith at length, for my countries ſake, I had my liberty, but not without an oth for I was brought to *Iunos Altar*, and there laying my hand on the ſame, tooke a ſollemn oth to obſerue all theſe conditions following.

1. *That I ſhould neuer goe about to iniure this noble ſexe by word nor deed.*

2. *That I ſhould neuer interrupt a woman in her tale.*

3. *That wher-ſoeuer I liued, I ſhould leaue the rule of the houſe to my wife.*

4. *That I ſhould neuer more come in* Letcheritania, *for it is the common phraſe here*, Many go thether good men, but come away againe euill husbands.

5. *That I ſhould neuer aime at more then the loue of one.*

6. *That I ſhould neuer bewray my wiues ſecrets.*

7. *That I ſhould neuer deny my wife any womans ornaments.*

8. *That I ſhould continually giue women*

the prick and praise for beauty, wit and eloquence, and defend it against all men.

(b) I beleeue yee sir with a little æquiuocation.

This oth I (*b*) willingly tooke, & would haue taken one ten times stricter, rather then haue staied there. So therefore you see my tongue is tyed by mine oth, not to tell all the fine *Conundrums* that I saw among these mad wenches. Somewhat I may say, but no harme, no more I would in truth, if I had not beene sworne at all.

Their formes of Gouernment, and elections of persons of state.

Chap. 3.

THeir state (for ought that I could obserue) is popular; each one seeking superiority, and auoyding obedience. They haue no lawes at all, but do euery thing by the numbers of voices. But the giuing vp of their voices struck me into a wonder, being vnacquainted therewith for they set vp a crie all together, none giues eare, but each one yells as if shee were horne mad. Is not this able to abash a good mans spirit.

They hold a continuall parliament a-

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bout their more weighty affaires of state, so that *Erasmus* were he aliue now, would be able to giue a strong testimony of womens turning tutors. Now this continuance is necessary becaufe of their lawes vncertainty: for the decrees of this day, may bee all disanulled to morrow, but the same day they cannot, least their law-giuers should seeme vnconstant in their edicts. Euery ones voice is alike in worth, the whole citty thorow, but not euery ones dignity, for they haue a set number of chosen women, they call them *Grauesses*, & these haue the authority of most honor in each particular citie: But they are not borne to this dignity, but elected either for their beauty, or their eloquence, for by these two are all elections ordered. They had once a custome to elect these *Grauesses* by voices, but afterwards, euery one giuing her voice onely for her selfe, it bred a confusion, & so made them abolish that maner of election: and then they made a decree ỳ only those should haue the sway in this enuious contention, who would professe In Colloqui

themſelues neither faire nor eloquent. But this brought all to ſuch a paſſe that in the whole multitude of them, you ſhould not find one that would be *Electreſſe*, the elder ſort holding that they had the eloquence, and the yonger ſtanding as firme in it that they had the beauty. At length they all agree to paſſe ouer theſe places of *Electreſſes* vnto twelue of the moſt aged matrons of *Old Mumpington* (a ruinous village hard by) and ſo they did, giuing them the glorious title of (c) *Electreſſes Graueſtall*, to ſet them the more a gogge to performe their charges. And beſides this honorable ſtile, the hony of age, wealth and abundance, comes continually vpon thē; for the ambitious young wenſhes will ſo bribe and ply them with giftes, to haue their voices at the day of election, that I hold there is not a court either more corrupt in giuing voices, or more wealthy in giuen ritches. In ſtead of ſcepters and ſwordes, the *Graueſſes* haue fannes and glaſſes borne before them: huge Chriſtall glaſſes, and ſtill

(c) The chiefe of whom when as I was there were theſe, The Dutcheſſe of Cackletout, The Counteſſe of Banne-alley, the Archpreſsbytereſſe of Slauerſperg, the Counteſſe Pratline of Twitlecome and eight more Subordinate Electreſſes.

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as they paſſe through the ſtreetes, they pranke vp their attires by the ſayd glaſſes, and ſet all their gew-gawes in order as they go along.

The originall of the Shee-landreſſes.

Chap. 4.

THere are few *Shee-landreſſes* borne in this Nation, but ſuch as either will needes weare their husbands breeches, or els ſuch as their husbands iealouſie will needs either baniſh or make priſoners, thoſe runne flocking from all parts hether. Now all ſuch as are their husbands maiſters, and are therevpon baniſhed for their vniuſt clayme vnto ſoueraignty: theſe are aſſigned to inhabite the frontiers of *Shee-landt* eſpecially in the countries of *Shrewef-bourg*, and there they are all put in garriſon. But as for thoſe that are voluntarie exiles, they are generally of meeke and vnmanly ſpirits, and theſe are ſeated in the

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heart of the Land, to become Votareſſes to *Peace* and to *Beautie*, and yet you need neuer dreame that this weale-publike (how euer weakely founded) ſhould go to ruine for want of perticuler members: and Ile tell you why: there are ſo many voluntaries, (eſpecially free women) come to this campe, that the feare is that rather here will want roome for new inhabitants, then otherwiſe. Truely I am in a great perplexity leaſt my country women ſhould haue any vnderſtanding of this ſtate: For if they haue, wee may goe ſnicup for any female that will bide amongſt vs, but all will away, wee ſhould not haue one big belly left to lay the foundation for a future age by, and therefore I pray you ſir (whoſoeuer you be) as you loue the preſeruation of our linage and the generall multiplication of mankinde, bee ſilent in this ſo important a ſecret: for it lies vs all vpon to keepe it vndiſcouered from our giddie females, vnleſſe wee can find a better meanes of generation.

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Of Gygglot-tangyr.

CHAP. 5.

AT *Goſſipingoa*, I got (beſides my freedome) the Cities letters, for my paſſe-port, and ſo from thence I tooke my way towards *Giglot-tangire*, a country lying vpon the South part of *Womandecoia*, towardes *Letcheritania*; The Land of it ſelfe in this part, is the worlds paradiſe: I was not many leagues from *Louef-den*, the firſt towne of this County, when I entred into an ayre as delicatly ſented, as if all the perfumers in *England* (doe yee ſee) had lately plaied their prizes there for eternal ſoueraignty: the whole country round about is ſo ſtuft with Apothecaries, and *(a) Pomandrificoes*. The reſt I omit. The women of this wapentake are generally tall, gracefully adorned, and (were it not that they practiſe the art of *Cheeke-oyling* ouer much) very beautifully. They weare nothing on their faces, nor on their breaſts: as for the reſt of

(a) The ſlates Magnificoes.

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their habite, it is faire in ſhew, light in weight, and eaſie to mount, as is the aire. But their naked parts are ſo cruſted ouer with ouer-groſſe painting, (as they vſe in *Muſcouia*) that you would verily imagine, you ſaw ſome ſtatue on a Weſtminſter tombe, rather then a liuing creature, ſuch a cart loade of falſe colours enſconce their faireſt beauties.

The women of *(b) Shameſ-graue*, (for ſo they call the ſhire towne of *Gigglot-tangire*) haue their houſes made all of *Muſcouia* glaſſe, as tranſparent as ayre: And it is labour loſt to ſeeke any of them at home, vnleſſe you make your inqueſt immediately vpon their dreſſing time, or ſome what before: But lay your plot to ſeeke them at a Play-houſe, or in a Tauerne, or ſo, and it ſtands vpon a good foundation: for there you are ſure to finde your femall, either a laughing, a ſinging, *(c)* a dancing, or vpon ſome ſuch employment in ſtate. You neuer ſaw ſpider contriue a more artificiall net for a flie, then theſe women do for the *Lecheritanians* (how euer their

(b) The Sepulchre of *Modeſty* is in this towne.

(c) Dauncing is here taken in the largeſt ſence, including both the moderne, as galliard, pauan, lig &c. and the ancient, called the beginning of the world vide Rab. Apodemat. 17. chap. 3.

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countries deadly enemies) yet some of these men serue their desires as voluntaries, for prouant, and preferment. Others, they lay their ambushes for, and fetch them in first by loose allurements, then by praiers, and then by pence, and if none of these meanes will worke, they compell them to serue their wanton desires by force. And when they haue done so, iust as you see stallion horses kept for breede, so are they stowed into custody; dieted with Eringo's, Potatoes, Cullises, and other dishes of lusts deuising, vntill *Venus* send her second summons. This I no sooner heard, but I hated, and no sooner hated it, but I auoided it as neither daring presume of my learning, nor policy, but that I knew my selfe neither for proper young man, nor very fine Gentleman (none dispraised) I otherwise durst not haue bazarded mine honesty vpon so slight foundations. But you may see; It is sometimes good to want a good face: and those things with many a man doth oftentimes blame nature most for, may

at one time or other ſtand him in more ſtead then her greateſt benefits in ordinary eſtimations.

Of Double-ſex Ile, otherwiſe called Skrat or Hermophradite Iland.

Chap. 6.

NOt farre from *Guaon*, the laſt Ile of the *Moluccaes*, betweene Cape *Hermoſe*, and Cape *Beach*, lies *Double-ſex* Ile, much like vnto our Ile of *Man* on the coaſt of *Lancaſhire*. In this Ile nature hath ſo orderly diſpoſed all things to one forme, that I could finde no one plant in all the ſoile but was of a double kinde; no tree, but beare two kinde of fruites or one fruite of two ſeuerall kindes & names: there was your *Peare-apple*, your *Cherry-damſen*, your *Date-alimond*, your *Cheſtnut-fylberd*, and a thouſand of theſe concluſions of nature. Yea in ſo much that the very inhabitants of the whole Iland wore all their habits

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as *Indices* of a coaptation of both ſexes in one. Thoſe that bare the moſt man about them, wore ſpurres, bootes and britches from the heeles to the hanſhes: and bodies, rebatoes and periwigges from the crupper to the crowne: and for thoſe that were the better ſharers in woman kind, they weare doublets to the rumpe, and skirts to the remainder. Nay their very names bare notes of their participations of either ſide: There was *Mary-Philip*, *Peter-alice*, *Iane-andrew*, and *George-audry*, and many more that I remember not. All of their owne nation that haue not ſhewn themſelues perfect both in begetting, & bringing forth, are made ſlaues to the reſt: & when they take any that are but ſimply of one ſexe, Lord what a coile they keepe about thē, ſhewing them as prodigies & monſters, as wee doe thoſe that are borne double-headed, or other ſuch deformed birthes. Their onely glory which they eſteeme moſt, is that in their conceite they haue the perfection of nature amongſt them alone, of all the world beſides them.

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For seeing nature (say they) hath bestowed two hands, two feete, two eyes, two eares and two nosthrills to euery meaner perfect bodie, why should not the most excellent creature of all be perfect in two sexes also? And againe: the ancient sacrificers to *Cybele*, and the *Parthiques* of old *Rome* were faine to vse forced meanes for that which wee haue giuen vs by nature. Thus are they wont to protect their deformities: and truely you may obserue in them all, besides their shapes, both a mans wit, and a womans craft. They haue no Cattle in this countrie but *Mules* nor any wild beasts but *Hares*. They liue most vpon shelfish, for that is their best and most ordinary sustenance.

(a) The Mule is held both to conceiue and to beget, in *Syria*, *Arist.* and some hold the like of the *Hare*.

Of Shrewes-bourg.

Chap. 7.

IN my returne from the confines of *Gigglot-tangia*, beeing now vpon the most westerne angle of the same, I light

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(just as my staffe fell) into the Country of *Shrewesbourg*, the onely garrison of this feminine government, and the onely defence it hath against forreigne incursions. Now the country lacking no foe but the *Estcheritanians* (for the *Thuringois* are a quiet nation and never will offer to molest them, and the *Pavlanders* cannot (though they would) doe) therefore place their forces and townes of garrison vpon the Easterne frontiers of *Estcheritania*.

Here was I truely guld, for espying persons in the habites of men, masse thought I, this is good, I am now gotten out of *Womendecoia*: but when all came to all, I was flat cousned with a borrowed shape: for in this country women weare britches, and long beards, and the men goe with their chinnes all naked, in kirtles and petticoates, spinning and carding wooll, whilest their wiues discharge the maine affaires of the state.

In this tract is an ancient and ample towne seated, generally called *Pepuzia*,

and I do not thinke but (a) Pepuzian Heretiques were of this originall, who held that women should be both Princes and Prieſtes as well as men. The Barbarians in (b) Ariſtotles time neuer vſed their women halfe ſo impetiously as the men are vſed here: I had great compaſſion vpon their ſlauery: Yes verely had I: The poore ſnakes dare not ſo much as wipe their mouthes vnleſſe their wiues bidde them: not ſo much as (ſauing your preſence) goe piſſe, nor paſſe a word with their beſt friend, but they muſt firſt come to their wiues with a writ of *Quæſo Magiſtra*, good Miſtreſſe giue me leaue to goe &c. I obſerued this cuſtome to bee more ſtrictly looked vnto vpon one certaine daie whileſt I was there, then at other times by far: and the reaſon was, becauſe that while ſome of the better ſpirited husbands diſdayning to bee chained in this vnmanly ſubiection by their wiues, had laid a plot amongſt themſelues to riſe on a ſet night (as it might bee this night) in open armes vpon the ſudden againſt

(a) *Ariſt. de hæreſ.*

(b) *Ariſto. Polit. lib. 1. 5. 1.*

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wiues, and so shake off this infamous and disgracefull seruitude.

This plotte had come to verie good effect had not misfortune crost it: for one cowardly fellow of their confederacy, beeing threatned by his wife to bee soundly cudgelled for some other priuate escape that hee had made; to procure himselfe a pardon, went and reuealed all the whole plat-forme of the conspiracie, iust the euening before the night appointed.

The women sitte at meate and the men attend; the women sleepe and the men watch; so doe they scold and fight, whilest the men are faine to beare off with eares, head and shoulders.

Happy may they call that daie wherein they are not lambeaked before night. I imagined my selfe amongst the Turkish slaues, but that these distinction of habites assured mee this was a more base kinde of captiuity.

Ah what a beastly sight was it to see a distaffe and a spindle in a mans hand, and a sword and buckler in a womans. Yet I concealed my dislike as well as I could, desiring but to see without suffering.

If any woman vse her husband somewhat gentlier then ordinarie (as some of them bee tender hearted) shee is presently informed against, cited to appeare before the Court Parliament of *Shrewes-bourg*, and there endited of high treason against the state. Her next neighbours giue euidence against her with such noise & furie, that it is strange to see how farre they are ouer-borne with impatience. If she be but conuicted by the smallest euidence that is, shee is condemned to this punishment. Shee must first change attires with her husband, and then shaue off all her haire, and so beeing ledde through the market place must stand for one whole daie vpon the pillorie, as an obiect vnto all the fleering scoffes of the beholders, nor shall the man escape scot-free, for

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beeing so audacious, as to take the fauours offred by his wife without a modest refusall: but when the woman comes home (be shee all couered with durt, graines, rotten-egges, &c.) she may not put off her vesture vntill shee bring a cudgell into the Court, all died with the fresh bloud of her husbands broken pate. He that out-liueth his wife, must either marry his maide and bee sworne to her seruice as hee was to his former wiues, or els hee must become slaue to the next neighbours wife. For no man may bee the ruler of his owne house, in this country: when the wife goeth forth, either to warres, consultations, or for pleasure, she leaueth her keyes, & therewithal her gouernment vnto her maide, or her daughter: Either of which if the husband but once mutter against, his shoulders are sure to pay for it soundly at his wiues returne, vnlesse hee can either begge or buy the silence of the deputie gouernesse. They (a) neuer lie with their husbands but when pronander prickes them: For that (they

(a) Iust contrary to the fashion in England.

hold I would procure too much familiarity, notwithstanding if the husband arise not out of his cabbin in the entry before the wife bee warme in her bedde, and comming vppe staires bare-foote, knock thrise gentlie at her Chamber dore, and offer her his seruice in a soft voice, hee is sure to haue on the ribbes the next day.

The women of this tract obserue a fashion directly contrary vnto ours, for they (b) clip their haire and let their nailes grow long. There are also certaine amongst them that are *Professitrixes* of the *Noble Science*, and keepe free schooles, wherein the rest are taught al the wards offensiue and defensiue, both of heeles, nailes and teeth: as also the most exact and iudiciall method of clawing off the skinne of mens faces, pulling out eyes, byting of armes, wringing of eares, and tearing of beards: These lectures they are instructed in both by precept and practise.

(b) That there may bee lesse hold taken by their assailants, and more by themselues.

Now you would thinke it incredible if I should tell you of the neatenesse of

their houses, yet the men are all their drudges to wash, wipe, scoure and sweepe all that is done; yea and dresse all the meate besides: so that I imagine that it is but mans esteeme of the vndecencie of such businesses, (not any of his vnableneſſe to discharge them) that maketh him eschue such employments. There is no foule spot to bee found in any house here, saving on the mens clothes, but those are so filthie that they are true notes how they neglect themselues as much as the women neglect them; Notwithstanding goe but abroad into the fieldes (which are the womens charge to see to) and there you shall finde all most beastlie: The verie walls of the Cities are halfe downe and that which standeth is so disgracefullie framed, that the verie stones seeme to begge to bee at mans dispose, and to abhorre the ordering of womankinde.

I know gentle Reader thou marueilest much how I gotte safelie away from such a dangerous place, and

from so mischieuous a forme of gouernment. Faith Ile tell thee truely, mine age, my habite, and good aduise were my patrons in all this perrilous aduenture. My habite was manlike, my face womanlike (for I had yet no beard) and besides I met a many of my owne countrimen (a strange chance in a region so vnknowne) whom I knew by sight as well as the begger knowes his dish: verily I did, and these (like true friends at need) gaue me such good directions, that (as *Eneas* did by *Sybilla*) I following their aduises got at length (though with much toile and daunger) through all the dirty fennes of (c) *Blubber-ick*, ouer the *Mushrumpallian* Mountaines, and so finally into the confines of *Fooliana*.

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(c) Where the women will fal a weeping vpon any wager, euen when they list.

But now you may come vpon me with another question, and aske me why I trauelled not in that part when the *Modestinians*, the women of *Black Swin-mark* had their habitation. Truely I hold my selfe infortunate in that one thing alone, that I could not come to see their

ſtate as well as the reſt, ſeeing that my minde preſageth vnto me, that it excelleth all the fore-named. There is ſuch a people my friend I tell thee plaine: but the region wherein they inhabit I could neuer come to diſcouer, onely the name I brought from their ancient chronicles of the other ſtates, and that as I ſayd is (d) *Black-Swan-marke.* Indeed there are ſome of them that liue as Anchoreſſes, and Hermiteſſes in the craggie deſerts of ſome other parts of *Shee-landt*, but their habitations are generally vnknowne, and almoſt inacceſſible: theſe notwithſtanding are the moneſtaries, whether (as it is reported) the faireſt, chaſteſt, and moſt zealous of the *Shee-landreſſes* doe voluntarily retire themſelues: hee that will take the paines to ſearch thoſe vaſt deſerts, may queſtionleſſe meete with ſome of thoſe holy Votareſſes: I light by chance of one or two of them, whoſe variety of vertues, beauties and behauiours haue left mee in an extaſie vntill this very houre: but our young trauellers being too idle to enter

(d) A chaſte and modeſt woman, is *Rara auis in terris, nigroq; ſimillima cigno* Iuuenal.

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vpon so hard an inquest, that is the cause why they haue no other colour to couer their slouthfulnesse by, but by vniustly alledging the smalnesse of the number of honest women.

Finis lib. 2.

The third Booke.

The Discouerie of *Fooliana*.

The situation and populousnesse of Fooliana. CHAP. 1.

Ooliana is the most (a) vast and ill-husbanded region that euer mine eyes beheld, and yet withall, the most populous. If a man should but goe into the Burse of any towne of traffique in this whole nation, he would sweare (as one did once of *Paris*) that the whole world came to trade there. I am not ignorant of the number of the people that are imagined to be in all *Europe*, take it therefore as from the Histo-

(a) *Stultorum plena sunt omnia.*

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riographers, and not from mee. *Italy* is said to conteine 9000000, more or lesse: *Spaine*, a number somewhat lesser; *England*, 3000000; *the Low Countries* as manie; both the *Germanies*, 15000000; *France* as many; *Sicilia* 130000: Wee know also what they (that vse to amplifie vpon all things) say of the number of the inhabitants of *China*, that they do amount vnto 70000000. That countrie paralelld with the whole country of *Fooliana*, is rather an vnhabitable desert thē a peopled nation: it lieth iust vnder the *Antarctike* pole, as the (b) *Pigmey-land* lieth vnder the *Articke*: and hence doe I gather (as any man else may) that the extremity of cold in both these oppoled regions, is cause both of the *Pigmees* littlenesse, and the *Fooliānders* blockishnesse: nature so well gracing hir selfe by effecting the defect of body in one place, and counterpeysing it with as great a defect of witte in another. To confirme this, doe we not see that such as inhabite the temperate *Zones* are generally perfect both in body & mind:

(b) *Mercator* in his *Atlas Geograph*, affirmes as much.

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But let this be remooued vnto the cloisters of the Philosophers, I must proceed with my purpose.

Fooliana, on the South butteth vpon *Tenter-belly*, on the East vpon *Shee-landt*, and the farthest corner of *Thriuingois*, and finally on the West, vpon *Theeuesweyck*.

The parts of Fooliana: *the peoples conditions in generall.*

Chap. 2.

Fooliana the great, is diuided into fiue lesser *Fooliana's*, as namely there is *Fooliana the fickle*, in the Easterne frontires: *Fooliana the craggie*, iust vnder the Pole: *Fooliana the fatte*, towards the South-west, *Fooliana the fond*, betweene both; and *Fooliana the deuoute*, towards the West. Now the inhabitants of all these fiue, are generally tall of body (for all the vehemencie of the cold climate wherein they liue) their haire a pale flaxen, their heads (a) like sugar-loues; their lipps bigg like a *Moores*, and their eares

As Homer saith of Thersites, ποξὸς ἐὴν κεφαλὴν.

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thick and spacious. But their conditions do not keepe all one forme: some things they haue generally in them all, and they are these: what euer stranger arriue amongst them (vnlesse he light in *Fooliana the traggie*) they presently entertaine him with all the pleasures that their towne-house, & table can by any means affoord: Come wee to any of them all, with a dust-licking *congee*, & some three or foure *vostra Signioria's*, *Spaniard* like, and either commend his good face, his new coate, his fine hand, his faire house, or season but his affections with an admiring applause, and this your obsequiousnesse shall purchase you an hoste whose curtesie will imagine nothing too deare for you; good words & faire promises are all the moneys that this nation vseth; yet they haue great store of gold, which they barter away for feathers, bells, timbrells, and garlands, happy hee that hath the best store of such commodities to vtter at these Ports. The inhabitants are of a hard constitution, going bare-brested, & thin attired in the depth

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of winter, to take ayre the better: marry in the heate of ſummer, they were rugge gownes, and cloakes aboue that, to keep out heate the better: yet they haue ſome *Philoſophoticall* profeſſors amongſt them, that will go almoſt naked in midſt of winter, in contempt of the colde, and their reaſon is this, that ſeeing all creatures beſides man can bee content with haire and hide onely; why ſhould not man that is made maiſter to them all, make ſhift to breake through all the battalions of colde, being armed onely with his ſhirt of nature, his skin? I promiſe you, a ſtrong & ſenſible argument.

You ſhall neuer take any of them ſolitary, for they doe continually talke and contend in argument with them-ſelues when they are alone and in game: you ſhall haue them fall terribly out ſometimes with themſelues onely; one word prouoking him to teares, & another immediatly procuring laughter, & the perſon being all this while ſingle by himſelfe. They haue alſo certaine ſects of people, generally called *Fool-oſophers*

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amongst them, and these haue the same credit there, that the *Bonzaes* haue in *China*. I haue well neere forgotten their seuerall orders: some of them run vpō my tongues end, and I thinke (I am not sure) that there was one sort called *Brownebacks*, and another called (*b*) *Clunchi*: besides (as I remember) there are the (*c*) *Quadricornes*, the *Barly-faces*, the *Greene-geese*, the societies of Saint *Patch del Culo*, Saint *Gymy-come-home-at-noone*, & many more that are far frō my remembrance. all these giue their own allowances vnto others, and begge for scraps themselues, wandring through y verges of *Fooliana*, & where they finde a stone with any picture vpon it, (be it what it will) downe they go vpon all foure, with curtsies, and cringes, 'tis more thē strange to obserue them: gold is ready change with them for lead, prouided it haue a taile of parchmēt at the end of it. Tapers and noone day meete ordinarily at euery dinner time amongst them. To eate flesh is altogether vnlawfull for them; but for fish, take your gorge full *gratis*, and neuer breake stature for it, Ile bee your warrant:

(*b*) Clunia-censes.
(*c*) The Trinitarians with square caps.

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It is a sinne inpardonable (d) for some of them to touch gold or siluer with their bare hands: as it is also their generall custome scarcely to salute any man, yet may they neither omitte crosse, nor carued statue without a religious duck: They whip them-selues cruelly; the (e) *Spartans* boyes scourging was but a flye blowing vnto this of theirs: first because no man but themselues will vndergoe sore lashes, and secondly because in the obedient times, they had a tradition giuen them y calues bloud was a pleasing sacrifice to their gods nosthrils. Their crownes are shauen, eyther to put the world in minde that all men are borne bald, or, for auoyding heate of the head, or else, least the haire growing betwixt heauen and the braine, should bee any hindrance to the minde in her celestiall meditation. Onely two things (in my simple iudgement) they are iustly to be accounted too wittie in: first in that they bring the people into such a foolish paradice, that they fetch all the fruits of other mens labours into their platters,

(d) The tale of the *Franciscan* and the *Dominican* is common.

(e) Who were solemnly scourged at the altar of *Diana*. *Plut. in Apoph.*

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whileſt themſelues ſitte at eaſe in their cells: and ſecondly, in that they can ſo cunningly auoide the bearing of their croſſes at home, by getting graſſe for their ſtallions abroad, and by keeping their foles at other mens mangers. There is witte in this beleeue me.

If any of theſe monaſticall men be ſick, the couent neuer ceaſeth weeping till he either goe for vp, or take a longer day: Phiſick hee muſt haue none: yet when they are in their pangs of death, their fooloſophers anoint them with oyle: They meaſure not ones wiſdome by his ſilence (for ſo may one of *Iohn* of *Paules Church-yeards* blocks, prooue wiſer then he himſelfe) but by the choiſe compoſition and deliuerance of good & gracefull termes: Hee is held a wiſe man, that ſpeaketh not much vnto little purpoſe, not he that ſpeaketh little vnto none at all. They neuer come on horſe-back, nor a ſhipp-board, but hold it fondneſſe to hazard their liues either on a ſtumbling iade, or in a weltring barge: they ſuck vntill their beards come: nor do they euer

bury their dead, holding it a ſlauiſh part for a man to tumble his parent, wife, brother or ſo, into an hole, becauſe that life is out of them, & to make a feaſt of them vnto the wormes, becauſe of the lack of a little breath, & therfore they (*f*) hang them vp in the aire, in their beſt attire, & euery yeare keepe a ſolemne obite in honor of their departed ghoſts, iuſt in the place where they are hung vp, and this forme of buriall is moſt ancient, as may bee gathered out of many monuments yet extant in *Fooliana the deuonte*.

(*f*) As the *Indians* of *Braſilia*, *Peru*, and other places did when theſe parts were firſt diſcouered. *Petr. Mart. ab Angleria Decad. Ocean.*

The women of this nation are the principall gouerneſſes alſo of the ſtate, but their dominions more tolerable in that their witts cannot informe them of the true ſtate of Soueraignty. But what they haue (as I was told) grew firſt vpon this: The *Shrewes-burgeſſes* whilom ouer-run all the whole region of *Fooliana*, which not-with-ſtanding by reaſon of the barrenneſſe of the ſoile, they would not poſſeſſe, but left the inhabitants in poſſeſſiō: prouided, they held it no longer then they did homage for it vnto them; pay-

Annal. foolian. denſ. Centur. 19. ſect. 7. li. 3. cap. 293.

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ing them an Asse laden with gold, for their yearly tribute. This rent was paied a long time, vntill at last the *Foolianders* brake out vpon these conditions, that as for the gold, they did not respect it, so that the *Shrewſ-burgeſſes* would demand it when it was due: but for them to force a louing creature, and one of their naturall towne-borne country-broode, with stroakes and battes, to beare this burden out of their land against his proper will and pleasure, this was a condition very hard, nay to their iudgments intollerable; besides that their quiet hereby stood in doubt; for one asse (you know) being heauier then another, if gold and asse and all, weighed more or lesse this yeare then they did the yeare before, the *Shrewſ-burgeſſes* might alledge that they had not their due: especially (which is a maine reason of this breach) seeing that the poore creature, though seeming neuer so able to beare out his burden at first, yet after a few dayes iourneys hath beene forced to lay him downe vnder his loade. This message incensed the

Shrewesburgeſſes much, where-vpon to armes they go,& entring *Fooliana*, came without any reſiſtance vnto *Blocksford*, otherwiſe called *Dunſ-ton*, the chiefe citie of the land: alarum was giuen: out comes all the *Blockſ-fordians* hurling vpon an heape without armes or order. The foe was fairely ranged, and gaue the charge: downe falls a citizen or two, which the reſt beholding, fell all vpon their knees in ſubmiſſion, with prayers for mercy, and proteſtations of innocencie: The weapons were held, and by and by one of the graueſt *Fooliander's* beſpake them in this maner. Ah what a violent inundation of cruelty hath ouerflowne your good hearts, you right valiant *Shrewes-burgeſſes*? that for one poore Aſſe you ſhould kill thus many proper men, and pritty ſchollers: eſpecially (and oh let this eſpeciall reaſon rule yee) ſeeing that one quick aſſe, or one aſſe being quick (doye vnderſtand me) would haue bin more ſeruiceable to your eſtate then a thouſand (a thouſand ſaid I? may then fiue and forty) men being dead, as naile

The *Fooliander's* oration vnto the *Shrewſburg ſſes.*

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in dore? take,(miſtake me not,I bid you take)take euery one his aſſe,and his burden of gold, we had rather liue without them then to die for them: you ſhall all haue aſſes (aſſes are not ſo ſcant in this country of ours) once more I ſay, you ſhall haue aſſes,Gods plenty: ô then put vp your ſhining things,& ſpare the liues of a many weaponleſſe men: I know (& to your honor be it ſpoken) I do vnderſtand that your valour ſcornes to ſtand in defence againſt a weaponleſſe wretch: O ſpare vs then I do beſeech you, & free vs from that preſent feare! Wel,the conquereſſes are moued by this patheticall oration,& conſented to giue them their pardons,mary vpon this condition,that the women of *Fooliana* ſhould euermore in domeſtique employments, haue preheminence before the men. The vanquiſhed gaue their humble conſents, and wee thanke yee too,for it was a noiſome toile to them to bee euer-more in the taile of a ſlow-back, egging him on to performance whether hee would or no.

Of Fooliana the fickle.
Chap. 3.

Fooliana the fickle, is the Eaſter-moſt part of all *Fooliana the great*, and next vnto *Shee-lands*. Expect not here (gentle reader) any exact deſcription hereof: how I found it, and how I left it, I know thou ſhalt know as well as I: but if you chance to go thether your ſelfe (as many a fine Gentleman I can tell yee, and men of good worſhip haue done within this few yeares) and finde not the ſtate as I deſcribe it vnto you, blame not any defect in me: for their formes of gouernment are ſo dayly altered, that one may deſcribe yee the ſhape of *Proteus*, or the colour of the *Chamælion*, or tell what wether it will bee to morrow, ſooner then giue you any true notice of their diſcipline. The *Portugales* may brag of their trauels and diſcoueries, let them do ſo, but I durſt venter a large wager, that if it could be tried, the ancient (a) *French-men* did firſt diſcouer this country, there are

(a) It is naturall to the French-man to be a wethercocks ape, and to an Engliſh man (pardon me you few of firmer ſpirits) to bee his ape.

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as yet ſo many monuments remaining that ſhew it, both in the names of the townes, their moſt ancient lawes, and their chiefe coines. Their grounds neuer cary any one certaine forme two yeares together: that which is paſture this yeare, ſhall bee arrable the next: that which was all high mountaines this yeare, ſhall be all carried away to fill vp dales withall, the next. Nay they turne the very courſe of their riuers alſo, ſo that ſometimes, as *Virgil* ſaith.

(b) *Plauſtra boues ducunt quà remis acta carina eſt.*

The plough now teares that vp, ỳ whilom was
A way for nothing but for boates to paſſe:

(b) *Virgil.*

So do the inhabitants ſhut out their ſwelling riuers on one ſide, & they themſelues (raging at their forced ſtops) carue themſelues a' new courſe out on the other ſides. They haue great ſtore of magnificent cities, but they change their faſhion euery other day at the fartheſt: The chiefe of which, at my firſt comming thether, was called (c) *Farfellia*,

(c) Which is in *Italian* a' Butter flye.

but ere I went away, it was decreed by the whole body of the counſell, that it ſhould thence-forth bee called *Butterſtieux*: the whole frame of this city goeth all vpon wheeles, & may be drawne like a cart, whether the councels pleaſures is to haue it. It is recorded to haue altered the ſituation a hundred times ſince the foundation, & thirty times it hath quite loſt the former ſhape. In the time that I was there it ſtood ſeated by *(d)* the riuer of *Water-leſſe*, and was very ſhortly to be carried vp to the height of *Mount Wantwood*. The riuers are all ſo frozen ouer with the extreame colde, that if any towne be wearie of the old place it may paſſe the waters vnto a new one. Euery moneth the forme of the city changeth, for euery houſe is ſeparable from the next vnto it: ſo that as ſoone as euer they finde any the leaſt fault with the old neighbors away goes houſe and houſehold and all, to ſeat themſelues in a new ſtreet. The armes where-with this cities ſcutchion was whilom charged, was a *Snaile* with her ſhell on her back, on a

(d) Sir *Thomas Moore* in his *Eutopia* hath a riuer of the ſame name, *ανύδρος*.

chiefe

chiefe argent: the words, *Mea mecum, I cary mine owne about mee*: but now it is the *Butterflie* displaied, in a field vert and floured: the word, *Vbilibet: Where I list.*

Of the peoples conditions, and attires.
Sect. 1.

THe Inhabitants goe all in painted fethers, as the *Indians* doe; for seeing that these light things kept the little birds warme enough, why (say they) should we desire now beeing farre more able to beare out could then thosepoore and tender creatures are? Now when they would seeme to haue new-coates, then they change the places of their fethers: so that that which in the morning wore on their heads, commeth before night to wipe the dust from their heeles, and so the rest, that which kept the knee warme but now, by and by getteth vp aboue halfe a yard higher.

They do marry wiues, and loue them

peſtilently well for a while; keping them ſelues truly loyall to their eſpouſalls, vntill they either take ſome occaſion of diſlike in their old bedfellow, or chance to behold another that is fairer then ſhe: and then, farewell wife, and welcome with all mine heart husband ſayth ſhee; for the wife is commonly as willing to make exchange, as the man is: (aſſure your ſelues that ſhee taketh the firſt diſlike, if her husbands Cocke-ſhippe bee, any way declyning). They vſe a ſtranger for the firſt daie as if hee were their owne brother, (though they neuer ſaw him before): marry the next daie they will paſſe you by, and forget that euer they knew yee.

(a) Iuſt as our Citizens vſe a man as long as hee hath caſh, you haue him, brow and boſome, but that fayling, my maiſter is not within ſir.

They ſeldome or neuer proferre anything which they doe not call backe againe at the next breath they take, before the promiſe bee confirmed: Nor doe they euer promiſe, but they afterwards forſweare it, vntill it bee performed: nor doe they euer performe any thing which they doe not afterwards, (though all to late) repent and bee ſorie

for.

for. They will not sell you any thing to day, but if you dislike it, they will giue you double the price you paid for it to morrow. They make their lawes new euery yeare once: for it is not fit (thus they defend it) seeing all mans life is mutable, that the rules of life should not bee mutable also as well as the effects: besides, mans second cogitations being generally more perfect, it were a strange slauery to bee tied so to a first decree, that although the after-wit dislike it neuer so, may not be altered.

Turne-coates tombe. The nations ancient Coines.

Sect. 2.

IN this Citty, neere vnto the (a) *Assechange*, is a tombe of one *Turne-coate*, of small antiquity, and of smaller beauty, vpon it I reade this inscription.

(a) Built in the fashion of our Exchange & far better traded.

PAS-

PASSENGER.

Stay, Reade, Walke. Here lieth.

(b) ANDREVV TVRNE-COATE, VVHO VVAS NEITHER SLAVE, NOR SOLDIOR, NOR PHISITIAN, NOR FENCER, NOR COBLER, NOR FILTCHER, NOR LAVVIER, NOR VSVRER, BVT ALL: VVHO LIVED NEITHER IN CITTY, NOR COVNTRIE, NOR AT HOME, NOR ABROADE, NOR AT SEA, NOR AT LAND, NOR HERE, NOR ELSVVHERE, BVT EVERY VVHERE. WHO DIED NEYTHER OF HVNGER, NOR POYSON, NOR HATCHET, NOR HALTER, NOR DOGGE, NOR DISEASE, BVT OF ALL TOGETHER. I, I. H. BEING NEYTHER HIS DEBTOVR, NOR HEIRE, NOR KINSMAN, NOR FRIEND, NOR NEIGHBOVR, BVT ALL: IN HIS MEMORY HAVE ERECTED THIS, NEITHER MONVMENT, NOR TOMBE, NOR SEPVLCHER, BVT ALL: VVISHING NEYTHER EVILL NOR VVELL, NEYTHER TO THEE, NOR MEE, NOR HIM, BVT ALL VNTO ALL.

(b) Inst. such an Epitaph is there in Bologna in Italy in Saint Peters, beginning, *Aelia Laelia Crispis, nec vir nec mulier, nec Androgynus, nec casta, &c.*

Some

Some foure miles from *Giggumbobbia*, there is a plaine where there were certaine old coines digged vp whileſt I was there, I care not much if I ſhew you the formes of ſome of them.

One was a ſquare peece, hauing a *Ianus* head with two faces on the one ſide, and the ſemblance of a globe-like ſtone vpon a ſmooth table on the other, and in darke ruſt-eaten letters, this about it. FBR. VAR. DVC. the forme was this.

There was another that was round, hauing on one ſide one in a gowne, ſeeming to bee of a middle age, leaning his right hand vpon the head of a little prettie dogge, and holding in the left hand, a booke; and on the other ſide was a *Chamæleon* enameled in all her altering colours, and ouer her, theſe

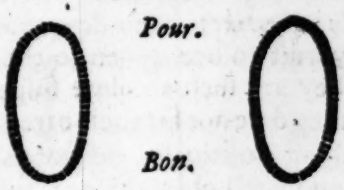
words,

wordes, *Conſt. Lipſ.* This figure, as I remember it bare.

The third was larger, and of more value it ſeemed; bearing the figure of an egge: hauing on one ſide a leane face with a long noſe, and a wreath of lawrell about the fore-head: on the other, a *(c) Polypus* (a many-footed fiſh called a *Pour-countrell*, vpon a ſtone, paſſing well cut verely: the word was *Pour-Bon*.

(c) Polipus is a diſeaſe in the noſe, called *Noli me tangere* alwell as a many footed fiſh.

The inuentor of this coine, I neither know nor care to know: nor what hee meant by this deuiſe can I poſſibly imagine. Notwithſtanding a little skill in antiquities would ſoone fetch to light the true ſcopes of all theſe inuentions: I would ſome of deeper iudgement would take the paines.



Of the Vniuersity that is in Fooliana the fickle.

Sect. 2.

AS I traueled along *the valley Capritchious*, I chanced to light vpon a towne that bare some shape of an Vniuersitie. The name they told mee was *Whether-for-a-pennia*. Here met I with some shadowes of Philosophers, but neuer a substance: You may go whistle and saue your labour, as well as to come and looke for any lectures, rectors, bookes or schooles of the seauen sciences here. Euery peculiar man here is both his owne teacher and his owne Auditor. Yet are there

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two Colledges in the towne: one of the (a) *Skeptikes*, who deny that their is any truſt to bee giuen to the ſence: and they are ſuch abſolute ſuſpenders, that they dare not for their eares decree any thing poſitiuely, no not this, that they ought to hold al things in ſuſpence. Steale away any one of their purſes, cloakes or victualls (b) (as one of them was ſerued once) and hee preſently falls into a doubt whether euer hee had ſuch a thing or no: Strike one of them as hard as you can, he doubts of it, both whether you ſtruck hard or no, & whether hee feele it or no. Speake to him or touch him, hee heares, ſees, and feeles you, yet he dare not aſſure himſelfe that any one thing of this is true.

The other Colledge conſiſteth wholie of *Gew-gawiaſters*, who giue them ſelues wholy to the inuention of nouelties, in games, buildings, garments, and gouernments. Hee that can deuiſe a new game or a new faſhion, according to his inuention hath a place of dignity aſſigned him by the Duke.

(a) Philoſophers that held themſelues diſcuſſers and exact inquirers of all things. Gell. lib. 11. chap. 5.

(b) In Diog. Laert. De Iacyda.

Hee

He that firſt deuiſed to blow out bubbles of ſope and ſpettle forth of the walnut ſhell, is of as great renowne amongſt them, as euer was the firſt Printer, or Gun-founder amongſt vs of *Europe*: theſe *Gew-gawiaſters*, are in great eſteeme in Court, yea and amongſt the meaner ſort alſo; in ſo much that many of them will not put on a ratter, nor once moue, without their directions.

Nay theſe I can tell yee are ſchollers indeed: they haue deuiſed a new language wherein they kept the miſteries of their knowledge, onely to themſelues: it is called the *(b) Supermonicall* tongue. Some of the words I will ſet downe in this place, for the good of ſuch as ſhall trauell thoſe countries hereafter, that they bee not vtterly *(c) Cedarine* in this language when they heare it ſpoken.

They call the earth; *Silo.*
The ſoule; *Adek.*
Al thing within the skin; *Chohos.*
The inner part of the midriff, *Cooſtrum.*
A quality borne with the body; *Relloleum.*

(b) So do the *Paracelſiſts* call their balderdaſhe.

(c) Cedarine, in *Paracelſiſme* is blockiſh or ignorant.

A thing naturall: *Cherionium.*
Salt: *Al, and Malek.*
The earths vapor: *Leffas:*
The waters mouing: *Lorindi.*
Wilde hony: *Tereniabin.*
The euill fumes of the elements; *Realgar.*
A mandrake: *Aroph.*
A male Cony, *Ircub.*
A beginning, *Ilech.*
A thinke ſupernaturall, *Ieſadoal.*
An vnguent; *Oppodeltoch.*
Vineger, *Xiſinium.*
Star-ſlime, *Noſtoch.*
Iupiter, *Cydar.*
Succeſſiue generation, *Dordo.*
An vncertaine preſage, *Erodinium.*
A certaine one, *Eſſodinium.*
Puſtules, *Bothor.*
Lame; *Artetiſcus.*
Crooke-backed, *Naſda.*
An amulet againſt the plague, *Xenechtū.*

But I wondered much more at the names of their mineralls and ſpirits, for they call brimſtone, *Chibur*, *Alcubrith*, *Kibrit*, *and Alchur.*
Quickſiluer, *Sibar*, *pliſſadā*, *azoth*, *vnquaſi.*

Vnfined

Vnfined lime, *Wismadt.*
The Philosophers salt, *Alembrot.*
Mercury precipitate, *Diatessadelton.*
A mettall like Iron, *Bebolt.*
Iron, *Edir.*
Mercury, *Missader, Zaibar.*
Minerall gold, *Chisir, Fido.*
Copper, *Melibeum.*
The rust of copper, *Almizadir.*
Vitriol, *Colcohar.*
A compound of corall and the lobster, *Dubelcolep.*
And now come the spirits names, with whom they are wondrously familiar.
Eucstrum, Is the good Genius.
Xeniphidei, Good spirits that reueale secret things to man.
Trifertes, Spirits of the fire.
Caballi, Goblins.
Tiarames, Apparitions.
Operinethiolin, Minerall spirits.
Gamahæa, An image impressed in the Phantasie.
Sylphes, Ayry spirits.
Paracelsus was prouost of the colledge, who inuented thē this strange language:

But indeed I am not ſure whether this tongue continue ſtill amongſt them, or hath by this time giuen place to ſome language of the later edition How-ſoeuer it bee, I haue done my duty in warning you of it before hand.

Of Fooliana the Craggye.

Chap. 4.

Fooliana the Craggy lieth iuſt vnder the pole: the fartheſt of all the Land Southward: it is a Mountaynous, ſtony, and eternally froſty country, lying in an ayre extreamely cold, and as extreamely dry. Here there is an Iron Rock, iuſt like that Rocke of Lode-ſtone, which the Geographers ſay is vnder the North pole: and this is the reaſon why the compaſſe, after you are paſt the *Epinoctiall*, declines towards the South, the cauſe whereof no Geographer, or Marriner could euer as yet declare.

This land is diuided into two dutchies rather ſpacious then fertile, commonly called *Solitary and the ſad, Cholerik-oye.*

Of the Duke, and inhabitants of Solitaria the ſad.

Sect. 2.

THE Duke of *Solitaria* is generally called by the name of *Gramble-doro the Great*, a teſty and ſeuere man, whoſe ſubiects are as like in conditions vnto him, as they are vnlike to all the reſt of the other *Foolianders*. Hee hath a huge & ſpacious pallace called *Hearts-griefe-Court*, built all of Ebonye and Iet, in a moſt magnificent kinde of ſtructure. Ouer the portch are theſe words enchaſed in Corall.

Merentum locus eſt: procul hinc diſcedite leti:
This is the place where ſorrow dwels and care:
Fly far, far hence, all you that mirthfull are.

Written by *Rantzouius* in a chappell nere to *Sigeberg.*

The people of this nation are gene-

rally al haire-be growne, leane, ſlouenly, ſwarty complexioned, rough headded, ſternely viſaged, and heauy eyed, fixing their lookes as in amazement, and ſeldome mouing their ey-bals: their optike organs ſtand far into their heads, making them looke like ſo many hollow-eyed ſculls. Here it is in vaine to looke either for citty or village: they dwell euery man in a place far from other, as Hares chooſe their ſeates: and profeſſe a kinde of life moſt truly *Heremiticall*: partly becauſe they are of too ſuſpicious and fearefull a nature to dwell in companie; & partly becauſe the Duke hath expreſly forbidden all men to build any one houſe within the ſight of another, or within the diſtance of thus many miles from any habitation whatſo-euer. They ſeldome or neuer ſtirre forth a dores, partly for the continuall darkeneſſe that couereth all this climate, and partly for their owne, and their Princes pleaſures: and when they doe goe abroad they doe very ſeldome ſalute any one they meet, for this is one ſtatute in their

lawes:

lawes : *Let no man ſtirre abroad, but vpon neceſsity, nor ſalute any man hee meetes but vpon (a) Thurſdaies.* Goe to any of their houſes, and knocke at the dore, you ſhall ſtand a good while to coole your toes, and at laſt bee ſent away with a ſnappiſh anſwere: for they are the moſt inſociable creatures vnder the cope of heauen. But how doe they ſpend their time thinke you? Faith in imagining & framing fictions to themſelues of things neuer done, nor neuer likely to bee done: in beleeuing theſe their fictions, and in following theſe beleefes: This is the reaſon why they abhorre company, and hate to bee interrupted in their ayrie caſtle-buildings.

(a) This the Carthuſians obſerue very duly, and deuoutly.

You ſhall haue one of them directly perſwaded that hee is dead, and lying all along vnder the ſtoole, like a dead carcaſſe. If any one come to queſtion him, hee flieth in his face with moſt violent furie, ſuppoſing him ſome Necromancer, that hath called his ſoule backe againe from the dead, by

his magicall enchantments, and from that time forwards, (b) he wanders all about the country like a Ghoſt, imagining himſelfe hence-forth wholy inuiſible: but if any of his fellowes take him and binde him, hee forth-with deemes him a fury ſent from *Pluto*, to fetch back the ſoule that lately brake away from hel, and now is he in the moſt pitiful taking that euer was man; imagining his houſe which he held to be but his graue before, to be a direct hel to him now. Another is of opinion that he is become a Mole, and lieth in a caue vnder ground, hunting for wormes, and turning vp the earth with a pike vpon his noſe prouided iuſt for the purpoſe: if any one follow him, and giue him but a little pricke, hee preſently beleeueth himſelfe taken by the Mole-catcher, and with miſerable cries prepares himſelfe to bee hung vp on the hedge. A third holds himſelf to be *Atlas*, the worlds ſupporter; and ſo ſtandeth immoueably ſtill, now and then fetching a ſigh or two, ſometimes lifting vp his ſhoulder, and ſometimes

(b) So did one *Piſander* in a melancholy fit. *Lod. Rhodig. lib. 9. chap. 26.*

ſhrinking

ſhrinking it downe-wards: now when hee hath ſwet a little with this exceſſiue toile, if any one come and thruſt him from his ſtation, he preſently falls flatte downe on his face with roares and cries, expecting euery moment when the ſkies ſhould fall vpon him, and railing at the wickedneſſe of man, that had ſo little reſpect of his owne preſeruation, and the ſafety of the whole world. Another auowes himſelfe to bee *Megæra*, one of the furies, & affrighteth the paſſengers with terrible geſtures: ſhaking his haire (which he thinkes is nothing but ſnakes) hiſſing, and running at them that come by him, with open mouth: if hee catch a whelpe or a catte, ô how hee will torture it: and imagining it the ſoule of ſome ſinner, taketh great pleaſure in the cries of the poore beaſt (as it is ſaid *Aiax* in his madneſſe did by the Rammes). Another beleeues his noſe to be grown of ſuch a ſize, (as *Cyngar* did in (c) *Cocaius*) he gets him a great many thongs, to bind it vp at his back for the more conuenient cariage. Another ſuppoſeth himſelfe

(c) The inuentor of the Macaronicall tongue, hee wrote of the geſts of *Baldus, Cyngar, Fracaſſo, Vinazzo, Seraffus, &c.* all in Strambottological verſe.

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made all of glaſſe or Potters earth, and ſo flieth all mens company, leaſt hee ſhould be broken amongſt them. Thus hath euery particular man in the whole land ſome conceit or other, vnto which he holds his ſhape to be conformed.

Sect. 3.

FRom the foot of *Mount-eye*, the riuer of *Teares* hath his firſt ſpring, running through moſt part of this Prouince, which is parted into two, by a continuall ledge of mountaines, called the *Noſe-antems*, iuſt as *Italy* is diuided in the midſt by mount *Appenine*. Theſe mountaines haue nothing in them but dire and frightfull deſolation, nor giue harbor to any liuing thing ſaue Beares, and Witches, and theſe abound all the deſerts through. The Beare (a moſt lumpiſh melancholy creature) will lye yee all winter through, in a lightleſſe caue, liuing onely vpon ſleepe and licking of his feete. The witches being bleare-eyed & toothleſſe old hags, do nothing but ſitte muttering

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of charmes to raiſe winds and waters, to cure maladies, and call vp the dead, ouer all which they promiſe them-ſelues aſſured authority, and yet in the meane time are ſtarued to death for want of meate. Theſe hills on the one ſide are all couered with a thick darke wood, called *Owleſ-wood*, which is continually haunted with ſpirits and apparitions, and not for mã to enter, or to paſſe through. Here ſhall you haue your (a) *Witch-wolues* in aboundance, whoſe howling if you know not their cuſtomes before, will ſet your haire an end with terror. In *Dineſſ-dale* at the foote of theſe hills, you ſhall ſee many whom that famous Enchantreſſe (b) *Choly-melan* is ſaid to haue tranſformed into (c) Lions & Aſſes, and yet left them both the faces and voyces of men.

(a) *Lycanthropi*, they are men or women that by ſorcery can put on the ſhapes of wolues, & yet reſerue the reaſon of man.
(b) By a *Metatheſis*, otherwiſe called *Melancholy*.
(c) All melancholie is Aſſe-like, or Lion-like.

Sect. 4.

HEre we may not ouer-paſſe the onely wonder of ỹ whole conntry, 'tis this. On the ſide of the higheſt mountaines of all the *Noſe-autems* is *Cholly-melans cauc.*

It

It hath a narrow entrance, and is almoſt frozen vp with Ice, but it is as it ſeemeth by the ſound, of a large compaſſe within. All the ſides of the entry are hung with huge Ice-hickles, which ſhewing like teeth, do make the place ſeeme like the picture of Hels-mouth. In this caue they ſay the ſoules of melancholike perſons are plagued with continuall and extreame cold: whoſoeuer offers to looke in (as few will that wiſe are) is preſently ſtruck downe ſenceleſſe, where his body lieth a good while dead, expecting the returne of his tormented ſpirit: but hee that layes his eare to the ground a little without the hole, oh what howling, ſighing, ratling of chaines, and falling of Ice-ſickles ſhall hee ſeeme to heare? Or hee that ſleepeth vpon any part of this mount (which I more hardily then warily aduentured) good God what *Chimera's, Centaures*, and thouſands of ſuch amazefull apparitions ſhall hee (to his horror) behold in his dreames!

Of Cholerikoye, the other Dutchie of Fooliana the craggie.

Chap. 5.

NExt vnto this is *Cholericoye*, a barren, burnt, sandie soile; producing a brood of hasty, furious, haire-braind, mad people: low of stature, pale-faced, read headed, ferret eyed, trembling lipped, & vnequally (though ordinarily hastie) paced. These are all vnder the gouernment of Duke *Swash-buckliero*, the model & Embleme of all tyrranny. The reader will admire, and hold it incredible, that he should vse his subiects as he doth. The famous *Russian* tyrant was a mercifull Prince in respect of this man: there was neuer *Cæsar*, neuer *Cannibal* so bloud-thirsty as he is. Here now the ingenious searchers of nature may make a great doubt, how a nation so exorbitantly cold, should produce such extraordinarily fiery constitutions, the bodies of others generally following the nature

The naturall token of choller.

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of the clime wherein they are borne. O ſir, content your ſelfe whoſoeuer yee be (if not, yee may chooſe, I will neuer intreate yee) wee *Philoſophers* know well inough, that where the heat is kept in by the ſtronger *Antiperiſtaſis*, that is, where it is the ſtronglier bound in by encircling cold, there it breaketh out into a more violent operation. Doth not *Affrica*, that burnt region, produce ſerpents of the coldeſt nature of all others? are there not flies bred in ỹ furnaces of *Cyprus*, whoſe cold do quite extinguiſh the heat of the fire? hath not the thunder and lightning their firſt originall in the midle region of the ayre? and is not the whole earth often-times ſhaken by a fire, hatched in the depth of her owne cold bowels? wel, Philoſophy is on my ſide, and I dare therefore be bold to ſay what I doe ſay. On with our deſcription.

Mercurial. var. lection. Georg. Agric. lib. de Subterean.

This Dukedome is diuided into foure weapentakes; *Sallow-hew*, *Grene-chekes*, *Blew brow*, and (*a*) *Rouzeux*: the people of the firſt, weare all tawny: the ſecond all greene, the third all blew, and the fourth

(*a*) As much to ſay *Fiery-front. Rouge* in French, is red in Engliſh.

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all'red. There is none of these that euer stirre abroad vnarmed; hee that is but halfe sufficiently apparelled, will bee sure howsoeuer to haue his armour vpon him *A capo a pie*: and like a Porter hyred by *Mars*, ha's his Musket on one shoulder, and his Halberd on the tother, his sworde there, and his great bumme dagger here, with two boxe hilts, a man may boyle two ioynts of meate in them, and at his back hee bore his bow and shafts; thus is hee accoutred if he goe *(b)* but to my neighbour *Iohns*, hee must haue his mooueables about him. If hee meete any man that will not giue him the wall; *catzo del diablo*, slaue, drawe, or prepare thy selfe to kisse my pumpe, for the resarciation of mine honour. They neuer make any iourney forth, but they eyther bring blowes home, or leaue some behinde them. If one chance to kill his enemy, hee feedes vpon him immediatly, for they eate raw flesh altogether, and drinke warme bloud, and this is the best esteemed fare.

(b) *Iohn Fistikankoes, Aiax* his sonne and heyre, according to the pedigree drawne by *Peter de Qui*, in his *Catalogus Dunsor. Ioannens. lib. 2. Cap. 17.*

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They haue no lawes, but all goes by might and maine. Hee that is wronged, either reuengeth his owne wrong, or else hee may go home, sitte him downe, and so turne ouer the leafe & sing: All the rules they follow is but one and that is this, *Conquer and possesse.*

If you haue any minde to reuenge a wrong, to regaine what was your owne, or to take from another, you may call him to the field at any time, and he must come, or loose his estate. If any come to interrupt yee, and so begin a sedition all that remaine vnslaine, are forth-with forfaited to furnish the Dukes shambles, which crafty lawe doth both suppresse conspiracies, that were otherwise very likely to bee daily practised vpon the state, and also furnisheth the Dukes table in farre greater aboundance, and at farre lesse charges. The chiefe seate of the Duke is called *(c) Fierce-fool Tangir*, a great citie, but it is built onely of woodworke, the Duke would not haue it otherwise, that hee might the better (vpon iust cause giuen) set it on fire, and

(c) Built iust after the forme of *Tangir* in *Africa*.

ſo burne cittie and cittizens when his pleaſure is. It is inhabited with none but Tinkers, Black-ſmiths, & Butchers, in whoſe ſhops you ſhall as commonly ſee legges of men hang vp, as here with vs you ſhall finde peſtels of Porke, or leggs of Veale. Through this citty runs the riuer *Furieuſe*, with a courſe like a torrent, which in winter they ſay will be exceeding hotte (aboue your fountaines in froſt) and giueth vp vnwholeſome fumes. Hard by it ſtands the Dukes Pallace, on the top of an exceeding high hill, called *Mount Sculpe*, and it is reported how it is growne to this height onely by the multitude of dead mens heads that haue beene throwne on an heape continually in this place. The Dukes Pallace is built of brick, very ſtrong, yet liueth hee in a continuall ſuſpect of his ſubiects loyaltie, and had rather truſt his owne Iron gates, then their glaſſie obedience Hee hath a guard of 10000. (*d*) *Hackſters*, who are miniſters both to his furie and gluttony. If any ſtranger come heere, that knoweth not how all goeth,

(*d*) *Eps, Ware, Things*, and Welſh *Dauie*, were whilom of his gard, as I was credibly enformed by ſuch as knew.

he is presently seazed vpon, & his head presented to the Duke for picking meat at supper, which hee holdeth more delicate, and hunteth more after, then euer did *Vitellius* after the (*e*) *Phoenicopters* tongues, or Lampreyes intrailes. Hee likens a Negro to a Thrush, and a white man to a Quaile; but such as dye onely to doe his gutts seruice, are farre better vsed then the rest, for they (as (*f*) *Olympias* offered *Euridice*) haue their choice what way they will dye, whether being hangd or beheaded.

(e) *Sueton in Vitellio.*

(f) *Died. Sicul.*

The most famous mount in all this Pallace, is the Inquisition chappell, they call it *Saint Shambles*: dedicated vnto the powers infernall, whose statues stand all therein, in horrible figures, wrought all with Ieatt and Corall, and these doe they offer their orisons vnto. Here might you behold all the sorts of deaths and tortures possibly to bee deuised: Wheeles, Iibbets, Hatchets, Halters, Swords, Clubbes, and rusty Pistols, so old, that I dare passe my worde for the *Chinians*, they will confesse that they

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had their first Gunnes from hence. A thousand Altars are in this Chappell, fuming with continuall sacrifices to *the Deuill, and the Duke*, offering the soule to appease the furie of the first, and the body to satiate the couetousnesse of the later; and for the bloud, they haue a certaine Arte to keepe that from congelation, and so caske it vp like *Aligant*, for the Dukes owne weasand. Through the middest of this chappell runneth a channell called *Nastie*, and downe that, they scowre all the filth of the bloud-stained pauement.

These men doe neuer goe, but runne altogether, and generally you shall not misse to take them all on a sweat. But there are two strange things, and worthy obseruation in this countrie, the first is, you shall not finde one man in this whole region, but hee is either lame in body, or deformed in face: which the more scarres that it beares, the more beauty it is held to adde vnto the bearer: and the second is, that a man of three score yeares old, is here held for

a miracle. For it is more then extraordinary for any of them to attaine to the middle age of man, they are fleſht ſo young.

Neere to the heart of the countrie is a fenne called *Full-gall*, as large and as famous as euer was the ancient *Meotis*, now called *(d) Mar delle Sabacche*: The water of it is of a deepe yellow to the eye, and moſt bitter to the taſte: it ouerfloweth the bounds very often (but at no ſett times) and ſome-times drownes the moſt part of *Cholerikoye*: that which it doth drowne, the ſulphurous nature of the water doth burne, as *Phaetons* ill-guided waggon did the whole world: and at theſe times do all the inhabitants bottle vp this water, imagining that being drunke it annimateth their ſpirits vnto the moſt dangerous attempts. But here I would not haue my reader too credulous, for I haue this but by heare-ſay, by my faith ſir I durſt not goe to ſee if it were true or no, I rememberd that *French-mans* ſaying too wel, *Il faut menager la vie*. This part of *Fooliana* was too

(g) *Ortel.* or *Mar della Tana*: *Bellonius* ſaith the *Italians*, call it *Mar Bianco*. In *Scythia* it is called *Capaluc*, as *Tzetzi* ſaith.

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dangerous a region for me to trauell: I ſtaid at mine eaſe in *Blockeſ-ford*, and held it better to take this relation vpon credence; then to confirme it with mine owne experience.

Fooliana the fond. Chap. 6.

THis part of *Fooliana* is both the largeſt and the moſt ancient of all the reſt: the inhabitants of it affirme themſelues to haue been created in this country, before any other part of the world was peopled: ſo that is held the (*a*) mother of all nations, as *Blockſ-ford* is of cities. It lieth in the very middeſt of all the reſt, as the nauell of this goodly body. On the South it hath *Fooliana the craggy*: on the Eaſt, *the Fickle*: on the Weſt, *the Deuoute*: and on the North, *the Fatt*. The ſouth part of it is called *Cockſ-combaya*, peopled with ſlouthfull & flegmatique inhabitants; but the northren part therof is poſſeſſed by more induſtrious and actiue ſpirits. Had I not beheld the ſtrange behauiours of this ſtupid ſort of

(*a*) Had not our firſt parents beene fooles, it had not beene ſo: but now it is

people with mine eyes, I ſhould neuer haue beleeued that nature had beſtowed ſo diuine a gift as reaſon vpon ſuch brutiſh creatures. For all thoſe that border vpon *Fooliana the craggie*, goe directly like beaſts vpon all foure, nor doe they know (ſilly things) any other way of going. There is no houſe in all this part of the country: becauſe the inhabitants neither can build any them-ſelues, nor dare aduenture to come into any that are built by others, leaſt they ſhould fall vpon their heads. There are euery yeare great multitudes of them ſtarued, and ſtormed to death, in that they can neither make ready their meate, nor frame themſelues apparell, nor beds: nay they can ſcarcely ſpeake true ſence: not a man of them that knowes his owne father, nor his owne ſonne, nor wife: nor how to returne the ſame way he came: nor how to diſtinguiſh a Beare from a Sheepe, or a Lion from a whelpe. Nay you haue of them that cānot tel whether they ſhould put their meate in at their mouth, at the noſthrils, at their eares, or

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acſome other more vnſeaſonable hold. finally, to be briefe, imagine but that you ſaw a *Cumane* Aſſe in an humaine ſhape, and ſuch an one is a true *Cockſcombayan*.

Of Aſſe-ſex. Sect. 2.

Aſſe-ſex (a) the Northerne part of *Fooliana* the fond, is ſome-what better furniſhed with wit, and worthier of a trauellers preſence and obſeruation. The people hold themſelues wonderful wiſe, and profeſſe the ſearch of natures moſt abſtruſe effects: neuer leauing till they haue drawne one reaſon or other, from the very depth of inueſtigation. They haue but one eye a peece: They are not borne ſo, but the parents at the childs birth plucks out the other, as being of no vſe in nature, in that when the one eye is ſhut, the other hath a more ſtrong facultie to diſcerne. Part of this nation go all naked, to auoid the labour of putting on & off: part of them haue houſes, but without either dores or walls, ỳ the freſh aire may haue the freer acceſſe: part of them build neſts like birds in the higheſt trees,

(a) *Aſſex* in *Fooliana* is larger then our three ſexes in *England* here, *Eſſex, Middleſex & Suffex*.

both to bee nearer heauen, and for their bodies exercise in climing vp to them; euery particular man of them hath both his peculiar opinion and profession. Ambition & desire of glory draweth diuerse of them into most strange & incredible actions: you shall haue some going vp & down the streets on their heads & hands; & others flying about with wings made of wax & fethers, you would verily imagine that (*b*) *Zetes* and *Calais* were come againe from the dead, if you but beheld how boldly these fellowes dare trust their wings with their necks.

(*b*) The two winged brethren sonnes vnto *Boreas*: they ridd *Phineus* of the Harpyes.

Others, like your *Italian Mount-bankes*, draw the people together to see y effects of some rare *vnguento*, distilled water, or some strange engine: others, out of the basest of mettals, by a secret art (and that by S^t. *Patrike* a gainfull one too) can draw the purest gold. But in faith it is worth the laughing at, to see the toyesome follie of these extractors: they are guld, and guld and terrible guld, yet can they not finde in their hearts to giue ouer. A sort of them of late (as I was infor-

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med) would needes to the Oracle, to know the euent of that weighty businesse they had in hand. The Oracle presently gaue thē this answere (c) *Trauailles* that is, take paines. Pho, home come they as if they had gotten their God in a boxe: and forward they goe with their circulations, their sublimations, their coniunctions, their fermentations, till all this head-lesse action ended in putrefaction, vntill reputation and reuenues were both dead and rotten.

Thus each man seekes, to be an Alchymist
Till all be gone, and he his number mist.

Whereas indeede the oracle gaue them better counsell then they could comprehend: *Take paines*, that is,

A mattock and a spade will get you gold
Sooner then Chymistry, a thousand fold.

Of the Cities of Cockscombaya and Asse-sex, and of Blocs-foord, the metropolitane sea. Sect. 3.

THE first Citty I light vpon in this country was *Hollow-pate*, a towne

(c) Libauius sets downe this rime of Alchimy *Alchymia est ars sine arte. Cuius scire est pars cum parte, medium est strenue mentiri. Finis, [illegible] dicatum [illegible].*

Ariost. Orland. Furios.

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of good antiquity, and well contriued: but it affordes no raritye, and therefore I leaue it and paſſe on to *Bable-dock*, a corporation moſt worthely famous for the wiſedome of the Aldermen. Theſe men a little before my arriuall, held a ſitting vpon this occaſion. They skie was verie cloudy, and raine was generallie feared on all ſides: the *Maior* calls a benſh, and fell to conſultation, how to diſpell the feared ſhower.

The firſt mans aduiſe was to ring out all the bells of the towne: another aduiſed them to burne ſtinking ſauour in the open ſtreetes (as the *Italian* women doe to driue away tempeſts): At length, the graueſt *Foolianders* opinion was demanded, who ariſing, told them in plaine tearmes, their policy was vn-auaylable, and that the onelie quirke to fetch ouer this peremptorie ſtorme, was to ſuffer all the moiſture to fall that thoſe bigge faced cloudes contained, and by that meanes (and by no other) the tempeſt would

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bee ſo braue (ſeeming to haue no reſiſtance) that as *Hannibal* did at *Capua*, it would ruine it ſelfe or euer it were aware: was this an idle plotte? no beleeue it: the whole benſh liked it and allowed it. *Twitlecome twattes*, wiſdome is not ſworne to ſitte in *Europe* onlie.

The very *Venus*, the eye, the luſtre of all Cities terreſtriall, is here ſeated: *Ciuitas Angelorum*? Why tis a verie *Peticoate Lane*, a *Peaſe-market* hill to it: The name of it is *Blockſ-föorde*: for ſite, it ſtandeth partlie vpon a plaſhie plaine, and part vpon a little mountaine: both of them lying in the deſcent, Northward: farre from any wood, or any riuer.

The vpper part of the towne ſerues the lower with ſnow water, and the lower doth the like for the vpper with ſpring water, mary that is of *Iohn a Cragges* ſtanding. There are in the whole circumference of the walles iuſt fixetеene gates, wherein (according to the intent of the founders) it exceedes

The Author had this deſcription from an experienced Geographer, or *Fooliander*.

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all cities of the world, by foure.

Spell the meaning.

The geometricall forme thereof is neither circular, nor ouall, but of a meane proportion betweene a Cylinder, and a renuerſed Pyramide, iuſt like vnto the portraiture of a mans body. What now? are your vnderſtandings vn-aquainted with ſuch a geometrical draught as this? why then you are but *Sciocroes*, & neuer ſaw *Belgia* in the forme of a Lyon, *Italy* of a leg, *Morea*, of a plaine tree leafe, *Spaine*, of an Oxe-hide, the Weſt *Indies*, of a fiſhes lunges, nor all *Europe* in the ſhape of an Empreſſe. Hee that hath ſeene theſe, and ſhal but view this towne (as he cannot lightly chooſe) muſt needs avow directly, that he beholds the lineaments either of ſome *Coloſſus*, laid all along, or elſe of *Prometheus*, as hee lieth bound vpon mount (a) *Adazar*. The market place is on the hills toppe: for that it is the head of the citty, and ſo adminiſters life and ſence to the reſidue.

(a) So doth *Thenet* call *Caucaſus*.

But (honeſt Reader) if thou conſider but the toyle that the poore porters

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endure by both horſe and foote, whileſt they lugge vppe all neceſſaries, euen hogſ-heads of beare and wine againſt the ſteepe deſcent of the hil: Vpon mine honeſt word I know not whether I ſhould bidde thee laugh or lie downe: thou woldeſt ſweare thou weſt in hell, and ſaw an hundred *Siſiphi* at once, rowling ſo many reſtleſſe ſtones. And when they are gotten halfe vp the hill (nay by Saint *Loye* ſir, perhaps almoſt to the top) with halfe an hogſ-head of ſweate vpon their quarters: then (beſhrew that then, may they ſay) down comes another barrel, which hauing ỹ vpper ground, holds it ſelfe the better man, and laies all the poore mens labour in the durt, and that not without endaungering themſelues.

On this mountaines toppe, the *Magnificoes*, and the whole *Signioria* of the Cittie haue their habitations, to the end that the whole towne may lie as a fitter obiect to their proſpect: this, as I ſayd, reſembleth the head of the towne: down from thence you deſcend a narrow

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which resembles the neck of this head, and this is inhabited onely with Serieants, Beadles, Deputy-constables, and (b) *Derick-iastroes*. From the lower end of this street, do two other extend themselues on either side, expressing the armes and hands in mans bodie, and these are peopled (but slenderly God hee knowes) with handicrafts men, but not ouer many handicraftes maisters. The bulke of this fabrike lies in a broader streete, and here you haue all your Innes, Alehouses, Tauernes and *Hosterians* whatsoeuer, and these haue houses downe to the very loynes, where (as mine author affirmes, but I was neuer so farre in the towne) they keepe the *Burdello*.

(b) Hangmen, and other executioners.

Here indeed (saith hee) dwell the Cocatrices, the *Roffianaes*, the *Makquerells*, & all those (c) ancient fish wiues that sell *Ruffes*, *Mackrell* and *Whiting-mops* whatsoeuer; and then if you descend a little further, (all in one parish) you come into (d) *Bride-streete*, and there haue all the Scauingers, *Scoure-Ajaxes*, and eleauen

(c) This is a matsphor that needes no glosse.

(d) A Iakes farmers burden in the night is called a Bride, as I haue heard.

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a clocke Perfumers, tagge and ragge: this is called the *Druffe-facke* of the Citie: The legges and feete of the towne are boxes to the Ragmans Rolles of Porters and Panier-ists: and here your poore Traueller is (now and then) full faine, to take vp an hourely rooſt, bee his pennie neuer ſo good ſiluer. *Iam ſeges eſt vbi Troia fuit. Swine-troughes and Sepulchers are ſome-times ſworne acquaintance.* But *Parcius iſta vinis.(e)*

(e) *Tamen obijcienda memento.*

The houſes of this towne (faire though it bee) haue none of them any foundation: for what alledge they? had not wee rather giue honeſt buriall to the harmeleſſe ſtones, then teare them out of their graues? hold yee content my friends, this is no laughing matter.

The *Magnificoes* build their houſes of a ſtatelie forme, and a loftie: to bee thereby the nearer to the skie, and the more eleuate from this vnrefined garbe of terreſtrial conuerſation. Their houſes are all paſſinglie well (*f*) painted within,

(f) *Muro bianco carta di matto.* A white wall is a fooles booke.

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especially with the names of their ancestry, their guests, and acquaintance, gracefully delineate with coale and candle.

Of the Burguemasters of Blosk-foord.

Sect. 4.

THE *Gran-dunsonioes* (for so the Burguemaisters will haue themselues eustiled) of *Blocks-foord*, whilest I was there, held a Parliament about matter of state, in generall and in speciall, about the securing, beautifiing, and aduancing the weale-publike of their City of *Blocks-foord*. Euery one gaue vp his opinion, according to that which seemed to him most commodious. One would aduise them to cut a conuenient hauen through the mountaines (though it were some fiue hundred miles from the sea, a matter of small charge you know) for shippes to traffique to the towne by: he wanted no store of examples from other cities, whose glory

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ſtoode wholy vpon the ritches they reaped by the ſea.

A ſecond preſently riſes, and cleating his fore-head from furrowes, confutes all that euer the former had affirmed, ſhewing withall, how dangerous a thing it was to repoſe any confidence in ſuch an inconſtant and vnſatiate element: nor wanted hee examples at full, of citties that lay buried in the ſeas deuouring wombe. Well, vp riſes a third: and hee would haue the rareſt conduites made that euer were deuiſed, and bring the water vp in pipes from the valley to the hills toppe; a thing as poſſible, as could be thought vpon, ſeeing that euery man ſeeth the water in fountaines to bubble vp voluntarily, and ſtriue vpwards of the owne accord, and wanting meanes to containe it to ouerflow the whole plaine about it: and againe, when the water runnes downe the kennell, doe yee plainely, that one part driues another forward? as plaine as day. Well, for all that, this will not ſadge with the fancies of the benſh. Speake another: one doth

ſo: and his ſpeech tends to the rayſing of an high mountaine about the cittie, for theſe ſubſequent vſes.

Firſt that the whole wor'd might not haue notice of the actions of the *Blockſfordians*, eſpecially of the *Grandunſonioes*. Second, that the cittie therby might be more augmented and fortified. Third that there might be better auoidance of cold, by the warme ſeating of the Citty within ſo high a mount: and for the mount it ſelfe, thoſe that dwelt below ſhould digge it out of the valley, and lay it togither. And then ſhould there be a bridge built from that vnto the next mount, by which the citty ſhould bee furniſhed with neceſſaries. But then ſteps vp another, and ſmiling, asked how it were poſſible that a valley ſhould bring forth a mountaine, but to allow a poſſibility of that, to ſuffer a bridge to be built were meere indiſcretion: for if a carriage, or a traueller ſhould ſtumble or looſe foote-hold thereon, there were no way in the world for you but death, yea and that (which is worſe) with the

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breaking of a legge or an arme: no, as for my ſmall experience in ſtate affaires (quoth hee) I would rather aduiſe thus (graue *Grandunſonianus*) to enterpriſe a matter which to effect is not laborious; and yet being effected, ſhall proue moſt glorious: ſo that beeing propounded, I know that the well-willers of the ſtate cannot chooſe but approue it: and thus it is.

Euery man according to his ability and the ſize of his houſe, ſhall erect a ſpire vpon the toppe thereof, and vpon the toppe, of that, ſhall aduance a Cock (vulgarlie tearmed a weather-cocke) of braſſe; or ſiluer, with a combe of gould, or Gold-ſmiths worke: and this ſhall bee mooueable, to follow and expreſſe the changes of the winde: Now in euery ſpire I would haue a clocke to ſtrike hourelie: which beeing once fully performed, O what pathetique ſpirit can expreſſe the reduplicate delight ſhall from hence redound both to the eye and the eare: to ſee ſuch a bright fulgor of loftie ſpires, and to heare

ſuch a ſweete clangor of harmonious bells. He had not ſhut his mouth, before the whole houſe opens, in acclamation to his proiect, ſo grauely, and ſtateſman-like propounded: And ſo they roſe, to ſee it performed according to the intent of ſuch a ponderous aduiſe: So that hee that ſhall in his trauell hereafter, artiue at this Cittie, ſhall finde it in farre more gorgeous eſtate then it was my happe to behold it in, let him aſſure him ſelfe of that, for I ſawe ſome of the broaches rayſed ere I departed.

Of the Marquiſate of Spendall-ezza.

Sect. 5.

NEere vnto *Blockſ-foord* lieth the Marquiſate of *Spendallezza*, a countrie whilom moſt ritch, and of ancient and honorable memory, but now tis quite gone downe the winde: nor obſerued I any thing in it worthy obſerua-

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tion but a forreſt called (a) *Actæons*(b) *Dogkennell*, an eight ſquare citty, called *Hey-dice*, and an other little corporation called *Haukeſ-pearch*. The inhabitants are the only ſpenders vnder the moone: they do nothing in the word, but inuent how to ſpend with the beſt garbe: Some vpon dogges, ſome vpon haukes, or kites for a need: ſome vpon a paire of *Iuorye Cubes*, or a bunſh of ſpeckled paſtboards, and thus flie their patrimonies: and when all is gone but the cloathes, farewell they alſo, the diſe or the brokers are their ordinary cope-men; alas poore Gentlemen, what's a man but his pleaſure? But whether this Marquiſate belong to *Fooliana* the *Fond* or the *Fatte*, that I cannot reſolue yee in, whoſoeuer ought it of yore, at this day I am ſure it is not in the hands of the olde maiſters; It may bee there haue beene ſome Lawiers, or ſome Vſurers in this Country in times paſt, but now farewell they.

When theſe new inhabitants haue caſt all their whole eſtate ouer-boord,

(a) *Actæon* vv. eaten vp by dogs, that is, he ſpent his eſtate vpon them.

(b) Dogs, Dice, and Haukes, the three obiects of prodigality.

then they doe either retire vnto other mens tables; or else are maintained at the publike charge. And here is that ancient modell of *Cole-harbour*, bearing the name of *The Prodigalls Promontorie*, and beeing as a Sanctuary vnto banque-rupt detters: hether flie all they for refuge that are cast at lawe, or feele themselues insufficient to satisfie their deluded Creditors: any of whome, if they pursue their debters hether, and force them from their protection whether they wil or no, they are immediatelie accused as guiltie of sacriledge and so are throwne head-long from the higher tower in all the territorie; and when they rise from their fall, can no way complaine of any iniustice, but haue vndergone the ancient law of the whole Marquisate.

Those of this countrie that haue any sonnes, assigne them their full patrimonie ere nature allow them any bearde: and in case they die before this time, they leaue all their estate vnto their wiues to dispose as they list afterwards,

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without any respect of progenie; But if they haue the fortune to burie their wiues, then doe they lauish out more vpon their funeralls, then would serue for a dowrie vnto the fowlest of their daughters.

Sect. 6.

BEtweene this Marquisate and *Fooliana the fatte*, lieth another nation called *(a) Clawback-ourt*, peopled with the strangest monsters that euer man beheld: They beare euery one *(b)* two faces, and speake with two tongues: carry ng the shapes of *(c)* Apes vpon their formost partes, and all behinde of Dogges: so that they seeme to bee a confused composition of Man, Ape, and Dogge. That there are such monsters, let reuerend *Munster* serue as a testimonie, who describeth certaine *Indian* people that are partly thus formed.

This Nation, it seemes, is borne to seruitude: the greatest part of

(a) Or flatterania
(b) In one hood.
(c) To sooth, and to backbite.

them doe make themſelues voluntarie ſlaues vnto the *Magnificoes* of *Fooliana the fatte*, which borders vpon their countrie. And albeit they bee ſo ſottiſh, that of their owne heads they can enterpriſe nothing praiſe-worthie: Yet can they imitate, and counterfeite any action they ſee done before them, the world has not the like, for forging ſuch exact reſemblances.

They neuer weare attire, neuer ſpeake word, neuer doe deed, but they ſee or heare the like before they goe about it. Whileſt, I was there, they halted all vpod one legge; and went ſpitting and ſpawling all the daie longe, becauſe that *Signior Tickle-eare*, their gouernor, of late had hurt his foote, and with all, was troubled with an olde pockie Catarrhe. They are moſt of them Barbers, Taylers, Pandars, & procurers: There are alſo by report, ſome gallant courtiers amongſt them: But howſoeuer, your Spaniſh Mimike is a meere ninnihammer vnto theſe *Clawbake-courtiers*, take them as generally as you can.

Speake

Speake but, or looke but vpon one of them, and yee shall presently haue him kisse his hand, cringe in the hamme, lick his two yeards of dust, and with a laborious *Congee*, like an Eccho, bandy the last word you spake, all the roome about, and with an applauding fleere, returne vppon you with all the gratious termes his gorge can possibly vent; together with an whole *Heralds* office of Titles, and top-heauie *Exellentiaes*, and then putting his lips together with another *Bascio dalli mani*, stand houering at your next speach, to heare how his last stood to your liking. Then do but you approue him, and talke on, and whatsoeuer you say (bee it scarcely sence) shall into his tables, as a more then humaine conceit; as a very oracle. Then will hee stand with his eye fixt on the skyes, and adore you (as a drunkard doth *Bacchus*) vpon all foure.

They acknowledge no God but the man whom they make choise to serue, and him they obserue with more prayers, sacrifices and adorations then any Idoll

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would exact. Now all this they do with one of their mouthes onely; marry there is not a word comes out of this mouth, but the other, (their dogges mouth) doth forth-with secretly retract, and disclaime. And thus much for their conditions.

The first Cittie in this Region, is called (*d*) *Tutto-lodante* of faire and sight affecting structure: but so slightlye built, that there is no hope it should continue: it is much enriched by the trafficke which it hath by the meanes of the riuer of *Fiction*, and againe, verye much endamaged by the same riuer, through often and seuerall inundations.

(*d*) In English it is Praise-all.

Neere vnto this towne standeth a village, called *Tongue-walke*, the inhabitants whereof are neuer well but when they are talking. This village stands at the foote of a mountaine that rises along as farre as *Tickling-streete*, another famous borough, where the townes-men keepe themselues continually employed in chasing of laughters. Close vnto

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this, lyeth that pleaſant valley called *Soothing-dale*, at the farther end whereof there is a Mariſh, called *Scoffe-ſtowe Fenne*, which reacheth downe along as farre as *Shame-ſtead*, a towne of infamous note: whether they vſe to banniſh all their Wizards, and all thoſe whome they call (c) *Baſhfull-apians*.

(c) Baſhfull modeſtie is a foe to flattery

Of Fooliana the fatte.

Chap. 7.

THIS Region, compared eyther for wealth or pleaſure with all the Regions of this Southerne continent, exceeds them all: and were it as wealthy as it maketh ſhew of, I make a great queſtion whether the whole Northren worlde could finde a countrey to parallell it: but indeede the people thereof doe generallye faigne to haue what they haue not, and to amplifie by their braues that which they haue indeed.

There is a double ledge of Mountaines extended ſome ſixtie *Germaine* miles in length on either ſide, betweene which lieth a plaine, full as long; and this is *Fooliana the fatte*: through which, the riuer of *Sound*, a goodly current, hath his courſe, almoſt encircling the whole plaine. The reader may ſoone conceiue what a goodly ranke of Cities are ſeated on the Mountaines ſides, hauing the proſpect ouer ſuch a fertile plaine, ſo delicately watred and diuided into ſuch a many cantons, all fraught with fatte paſtures, and ſpacious champians. The neatneſſe of the Cities in this tracte, excells their number; yet are they but of a ſlender manner of building, & though their outward formes promiſe all *decorum*, yet when you are within you ſhall not finde ouer-much good order.

At the mouth of the paſſage through the *Rhodomantadian* Mountaines, ſtandeth the Citie *Hydalgo*, otherwiſe called (a) *Braggadrill*: proudly built, but beggerly ſtated: and neare vnto this, is *Backbitembourg*, a towne that may be mother

(a) Like *Madril* in *Spaine*.

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to the dirty streetes of *Paris*. By this towne is a Rock of incredible height, (and of as incredible note) called *Break-neck cliffe*: not much different from the *Peakes crag* in *England*. It is as broad at the top as at the bottome: and yet so steepe, that it beareth the forme rather of a towre built by mans hand, then any meere worke of nature. And this Rocke is as famous for a place of execution here, as euer the *Tarpeian* cliffe was in *Rome*.

On the other side of this famous hill, hath the Cittie of *Bawdesden* hir seate: this towne hath beene oftener on fire then euer was olde *Rome*: partly through the negligence of the Citizens, and partly through the aptnesse to take fire, that is in the *Bitumen*, which they vse in their buildings in steed of Lime. Adioyning vnto this is another Cittie called *Punkes-nest*, built all of Flint, and the hardest Cement that can be deuised. And then a little further in, towards the frontires of *Idleberg*, lie those large mountaines, commonly called *Hollyday-*

hills,

Hills, where the people keepe continuall reuells, and ſitt in iudgement vpon ſuch as obſerue any working-dayes: two cities there are vpon theſe hills, *Gameſ-ware* and *Merry-cum-twang*: and on the Eaſt ſide of theſe two, the riuer of *Sound* falls into the riuer of *Idle*, making three or foure Ilands, *Skip-free* Iles the Inhabitants called them where the peoples continuall exerciſe is in daneing vnto the ſound of muſicall inſtruments.

The qualitie and condition of the people.

Sect. 2.

EVery particular man in this Countrie, auouches himſelfe at leaſt a Gentleman borne: and moſt of them are able to ſhew a pedegree of ten thouſand yeares long before euer the world was created. You ſhall haue them ſhew yee large galleries all drawne with their lineall and colaterall deſcents, and yet when all comes to all, their neighbours

are able to prooue, that they had Cobblers, carters, or coſter-mongers to their Grand-fathers. Nor is there any of their more ſelect Gentilitie, but hath his countrie Farmes, three or foure, leaſed out vnto his *Viliacoes*, his retainers, and thoſe are commonly *Claw-back-courtiers.*

The (*a*) *Sennaladÿ*, their beſt ſort of Gentlemen, doe content them-ſelues with the pooreſt fare that euer attended a faſting day: yet ſome of them perhaps at the yeares end, will make a feaſt, which for exceſſe of preparation, and multitude of gueſts, will giue an end to the bidders whole reuenues: but all the yeare after hee will ſo defraude his barking ſtomacke, that many of them (I aſſure you it is true,) doe deſtroye themſelues through meere hunger. Others of them lett the guttes grone neuer ſo lowde, neuer reſpect the belly, but clappe all they can ſcrape vppon the backe: yet will they neyther acknowledge nor confeſſe their defect of belly-timber, but quite

(a) *Quaſi ſenza lode*, vt worthy of praiſe.

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contrary, whereſoeuer you meete them about dinner time, you ſhall haue them go bruſhing of their beards, and picking of their teeth, as if they were newly come from the death of an whole deluge of ſeuerall diſhes. There is none of them hath ſo much either money or land, as his cloake and ſword would purchaſe: nor any of them that keepes not aboue an hundred (*b*) *Munch-gaines*, (for ſo they call their ſeruants) yet haue they nothing in the world but they pay intereſt for it (no man will lend them a *quatrine* vpon their credites) in ſo much that I haue knowne diuerſe of them hire their apparrell at the *Brokeria*, onely for foure and twenty houres. Nay I knew one of them build his horſe a ſtable fitter for a Kings horſe then his: adorning it with farre-fetched Marble, nay and enchaſing the walls and pillers with Iuory, and he himſelfe meane while ſatte warming of his heeles in a poore little, ſtraw-thatched cottage.

They giue themſelues (*c*) tedious long names, and delight vnmeaſurably

(*b*) *Mangeguadagnos*: ſo the *Italians* call their ſeruants

(*c*) As he did who demanding lodging at a meane Inne, and being asked what hee was: Our name quoth he is *Hernando Gonzales Ribadeneira de Toledo*. By my troth ſir (quoth the Hoſteſſe) wee haue not beds enow for ſo many.

to haue their country and their alliance mentioned in their ſtiles, adding ſuch compoſitions, and reduplications vnto their prolixe titles, that to recite them with one breath is a thing directly impoſſible. *Eſtridge* fethers are deare with them, as *Ruſhian* furres are with vs. Some of them vſe to hang ſiluer bells at their heeles, by the noyſe whereof they may attract the peoples eyes vppon their gracefull carriage as they paſſe the ſtreetes.

Thoſe few of them that cannot deny their births to be baſe, are neuertheleſſe of as haughtie ſpirits as the reſt. I remember I read this diſtich ouer one of their dores.

Miſero quello, chi di perſona vile,
Naſce di cor magnanimo e gentile!

O wretched he, that hauing had his birth
From a braue ſpirit, baſely affecteth earth!

One thing I maruelled at aboue all the reſt, as I lawfully might: There are few of this nation that liue by theate, or

by drinke, but altogether vpon the fume of a certaine herbe; which they take in smoake at their mouths, and giue it out at their noses, resembling the fumes of so many Brewers chimneys. I know not certainly whether they had this from the *Indians*, or the *Indians* from them. It is reported, that one *Rollo Warallador*, an vngodly fellow of this country (though one of good place) was taught the inuention of this wicked vapour by an *Indian* deuill: yet some affirme that the *Indians* of the *Torrid Zone* inuented the same to make themselues black within, disliking vtterly to haue their inner parts of one colour, and their outward of another. But this I am sure of once, that though it fill the nostrils, it empties the coffers, or that many good patrimonies haue by this meanes gone in snuffe out of their owners noses: that smoakt so long in fume, till all the same was in the fire, and all the fire out of the Kitchin.

In all the Cities, especially in *Baudesden* and *Punkes-nest*, euery other house keepes sale *Trugges* or *Ganymedes*, all

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which pay a yearly ſtipend for the licence they haue to trade. It is very lawfull to deale with theſe vpon any conditions you can make with them; it is no ſhame for a man to ſalute his *Cockatrice*, (I and to do more too, to kiſſe her) in the very market place, yea euen before his wife; nay you ſhall haue ſome of them will make their wiues obſerue their humors with all ſeruiceable attendance.

The Paradiſe of Fooliana the Faſte.

Sect. 3.

THere is not in all *Fooliana*, (no nor I doubt in the whole world) ſo rare and ſtupendious a monument, as is the *Paradiſe of Fooliana the faſte*: a worke worthy all admiration, it is worthy both the toile & the coſt of all trauellers, but once to behold it. You ſhall a farre off, behold a ſhining mountaine, all of pure gold (for ſo it is, or ſo it ſeemes, and thats as good) framed (as it is reported) in old time by arte *Chymicall*: yet if any one come to trie the goodneſſe of

the mettall by instrument, it falles all into dust; if by fire it ascends all in smoake. On the top of this mountaine there standeth a castle all of Christall; not wrought by any arte of humane power, say the inhabitants: but the Goddesse (a) *Fortune*, being (vpon some distast giuen vnto the court of the gods) banished from heauen, set vp her rest here, and built this as a second, and terrestriall heauen. And from hence shee spreads her goodnesse through the world: here shee sitts giuing all aboundance that the most credulous seruant she hath, can possibly expect: nay be his expectation constant, he cannot choose but obtaine it. Hether doe men and women flock, from all the nations of the earth, but especially from *Fooliana the Deuoute*: there is not one (almost) high or lowe, in the whole world, but hath seene this mount and ascended it. Men talke of *Our Lady of Loretto*, *Saint Iames of Compostella*, *our Lady of Walsingham*, *Hall*, and *Sichem*, they are desert and desolate places in respect of this: here the

(a) *Fortuna fauet fatuis*, is not so old as true.

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pilgrims lye prostrate in the valley, in deuoute expectation of the Goddesses call, as thick as euer haile-stones lay in high wayes after a frostie storme: nor may any man liuing approach the ascent of the hill, vntill such time as the priests of the castle do hang out the white banner, & that is a signe that the Goddesse is pleased they shall ascend: and then they crie all with one voice, making the skies rebound againe, (b) *Madona Scoperta*, and then run that run may, one ouer another, euery one crying out of the straightnesse of the passage vp. Nor will the worst man there giue place to the best, so that some-times you shall haue them scold one with another, like so many inhabitants of *Ram-Alley*: and sometimes to it by th'eares, with dry blowes, euery one in the company thrusting on him that is before him, & flouting them that are behind. Heere did I see certaine of them that durst not venter vpon the crowd, growne euen hoarie with expectation, and yet had not meanes to get vp the hill. But what doe they that get vp?

(b) The *Italians* crie so, vnuailing of the picture of our Lady of *Loretto*.

faith, desire to haue, called them together, & hope hold them together, each one praying that it would bee the Goddesses pleasure to grant him his desires.

You shall haue one praying for the attainment of his way-ward loue: another, only that it would please *Fortune* to send him a wife that were no shrew: a third for honors, & a fourth for riches, euery man as hee likes and there yee shall haue twenty praying for vnckles deaths, & as many for the burial of thus many church men, that he may passe from reuersion to possession of this or that fatte benefice. There sat one king-like fellow at the gate & he (they said) sued for the next monarchy: & by him sat a crue of ill faced wenches, & their suite was for beauty: there was an old wife also, with as many oake trees in her mouth as teeth, & she expected to be restored to her youth againe & a many more sutors (you must thinke) then I could take note of. Now the signe of admission being giuen (as I said) vp the hill go all that can go, not on their feete (for that were sacriledge) but vpō hands and knees, & with great reuerēce I warrant

rant ye. Being gotten to the midway, one of the priest intertains them courteously & inquires euery particular mans name and country, which when he heareth, he proclaimeth it with as lowd a voice as euer had (a) *Stentor*, partly to giue notice vnto his fellowes, and the Goddesse her selfe, what guests were arriued, & partly by this means inquiring y deity of them, to know ere they come any neerer, whether they come with the faith and purity which is required: for if you come guilty of any heauy crimes, shee hangs out her red banner, in signe that you must be remoued into the cloisters, where he must be kept til he be able to salute her with a purer soule and passe the residue of the journey with a lighter purse. But if the goddesse like you at first, the Priest giues you a leaden token, & so lets you passe: mary withall hee speakes these 3. words in your eare ere you passe; *Beleeue*, *Expect* and *Hope*: and so God buoy. On go you as cheerfull as a Pie, vntill you come at an Iron threshold, a little below the steps that ascend to the Castle gate: vpon which Iron this distich is written:

(a) A fellow in *Homer* that had a voice as lowd as fifty mens.

Fortunam si auide vorare pergas,
Illam vt male concoquis necesse est.

Sannazer.

Who swalloweth Fortune ere he chew it,
Through ill digestion needs must rew it.

The Castle gates are kept by a rigorous porter: yet money will make him do any thing: the entrie is so narrow, that it seemes to be rather an hole then a gate: but after you are crept once in, then shal you see an house more like an heauenly habitation then an earthly. All pearle & gold, whose lustre dazels the eie to looke vpon it, and whose external view promiseth no lesse then the height of happinesse, I omit to speake of the forme of the temple, the priests habits, orders & offices: these, for breuities sake, I wittingly ouer-passe. At length when you haue viewd all (for you must needs bestow a little time to gaze vpon this pile of admiration) comes another of the *Flamines* to you, and taking you by the hand (hauing first blind-folded you with a linne cloth) he leads you through a hundred turnings, indeed whether hee lists, but as fond me beleeue, into the temple of this good

Goddesse,

Goddesse, whom mortall eyes must not behold, and therefore are you muffled. Well, now you must coutch; and kisse the sacred pauement: and lie so without once mooning, vntill the Goddesse call you by your name, and, then aske boldly what you list: doe but effect what she commands without delay, or distrust, and were your request neuer so hard, it should bee fulfilled. Well, but what end of all this ceremonious obseruation, say you? By my troth a ridiculous one, able to mooue the gentlest spleene aliue. They are all singularlie, and ingeniously con-icatcht, men and women, rarely fetcht ouer, and with arts Quintessence: and yet for all that, this art is so secret, that though no man passe this triall, that is not made an Asse, yet euery one had rather blame his owne slothfulnesse or incredulity, then once glance at any imperfection in the power of the Goddesse. Well, hauing propounded your petition, (suppose it bee honour) the Goddesse assents to it, most gratiouslie, commanding the

ſuppliant, firſt after ſome houres, to take the holie potion, whereby his ſpirit may bee the better adopted vnto the enſuing felicity: and then, to lay him downe againe vntill ſhee called him the ſecond time: which if hee doe but duelie obſerue, hee ſhall aſſuredly be crowned with his full wiſhes, to continue enſtalled in happineſſe for euer: and to haue euer the ſame cauſe to bee gratefull vnto the Goddeſſe for her heauenly beneficence.

It paſſeth; the ſuppliant taketh the cuppe and drinkes it off: praiſing to his owne thoughts the drinkes delicious taſte, beeing vtterlie ignorant that it is onelie a potion made of poppie, *opium*, lettuce, and other ſuch procurers of ſleepe: but the effect is the triall; hee has not beene an houre after hee hath taken it, but downe lies hee in a ſleepe, yee may turne the houſe out at the windowe, (if yee can) and neuer awake him: and then is hee haled vppe and downe the pallace like a dead carcaſſe by the buriers,

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and when they haue laught at him till they bee a wearie, they lay him in a ritch bedde, in a Chamber like a King, all seeled with Iuory, and arched with golden pillers, all the Tables spread with couerings, the Arras of *Campania*, and the Tapistrie of *Alexandria* are but sacke-cloath to them.

And about the doore standes a companie of attendants, each in his goldchaine at least, and all courtier-like accoutred, expecting when this (*b*) *Endymion iunior* will awake, (which is commonlie some three daies after,) who lifting vppe his head, beeholdes all the roome with amazement, (as hee well may) and seeing all this faire companie of shining attendance, is wholie transformed with wonders: Whilest they in the meanetime approach all in order with a ceremonious reuerence to salute the awaked King: Health and happie daies to thy Sacred Maiestie, great King. King thinks hee? masse this is braue: What apparell will it please your Maiestie to

(*b*) The Minion of the Moone, he slept 40. years together ere euer hee awaked.

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weare to day? your ſute of Goldſ-miths worke, your ſuite of tiſſue embrodered with Rubies, your cloth of gold doublet with the Carbuncle buttons, or your Pearle poudred caſſock? tiſſues, Rubies, Carbuncles, caſſockes; Heyda! my man's an *Endymion* indeede now, and will not change ſtates with the man in the moone, he for al his fulgid throne he ſittes in. Well, ritch cloathes are brought him indeede, euery man helps this braue King, and as one ſaies.

Dant digitis gẽmas, dãt longa monilia colla:

His hãds with ſparkling gems they deck
And hang ritch chaines about his neck.

Set a diademe vpon his head adorned with Pearles of incredible greatneſſe and luſtree. All this goes well ſtill, thinkes hee to himſelfe: (s) Get dinner readie. So ſayd, ſo done: dinner was prepared, and ſerued vp, all in ſtate, ſuch raritie of ſeruices, ſuch braue attendants ſuch mirth and ſuch melodie! Pho,

(c) 'Tis time poore king, for thou haſt eaten no meate this three daies.

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nineteene muſes cannot giue a man words to deſcribe it. And thus they ſpend the whole daie, as time, yee know, will paſſe. Still my fine King thinkes all his owne, ſtill. Well, night comes, vp with ſupper, and vp ſupper comes, with as rich, nay richer purueyance & attendance then waited on the dinner: and for a concluſion to the feaſt, my maieſticall King has the rother draught giuen him of the holy potion, which preſently locks vppe his ſences in ſleepe as profound as the former: And then my poore twelue-houres King, beeing as *Virgill* ſaies

Iam ſimul expletus dapibus, vinoq; ſepultus,

Gorgd with good cheere and wrapt in ſleepy wine.

Is caried out at a poſterne, ſtript out of his tiſſues, his Rubies, and all his Goldſmiths worke, and re-inveſted in his old cloathes, (made ſomewhat more ſluttiſh then they were before) and ſo laid out in the high way, for paſſengers to gaze

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vpon a where when hee awakes, hee falls into as great amazement as before; and remembring how glorious a bliſſe hee was enthroned in but yeſterdaie, and finding himſelfe now vtterlie depriued of all, (d) hee falles a lamenting moſt extreamelie, miſerablie deploring, and bitterlie curſing either his owne ſloath, that would not giue eare (as ſhee had charged him) to the Goddeſſes ſecond call: or his groſſe ingratitude, who being placed in ſo high a felicity, neglected to pay the good goddeſſe her due tribute of thankefulneſſe. So away goes hee weeping and wayling with this word continually in his mouth, *Fuimus, Troes!* I was whilome a braue man, I And exhorting all men to take example by him, neuer to bee negligent, neuer thankeleſſe, but to proceede with heed, and confidence, and obey what the goddeſſe enioyned, and then they could not faile of felicity. Such had I once (ſaith hee) but now, by mine owne onelie follie, I haue loſt it all, euery part and parcell of my former greatneſſe. Now euerie one that

(d) Heu quid decidimus.

heareth

heareth him, thinkes this; I hope to take better heede then so; and they hood-winck themselues ere euer they come there.

Of Fooliana the Deuout.

Chap. 8.

VPon the westerne and part of the two *Foolianaes*, the *Fat*, and the *Fond*, lieth *Fooliana* the *Deuout*, a region fertile enough of it selfe, but through the inhabitants negligence, altogither vncultured. For whereas it is diuided into two Prouinces, *Trust-fablia*, and *Sectaryuoa*, (the former beeing farre the larger of the two) yet is it so wholie giuen ouer to a sort of rotten Ceremonies, that the Inhabitants thereof are all of this opinion, that one cannot doe God better seruice then in the vtter neglect of themselues. There are good store of pretty *Hamblets* in this prouince; there is *Fragment*, surnamed *the mouldy*, *wonders-field*, and within a little of them,

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Crepe-ham high crosse, Cringing-beck; and *kissing-all-vp*.

The borders of this nation are verie deserts to speake of, and haue scarcelie any inhabitants: some of the villages (for some villages there are, but very few) as *Lentestow right-maw*, *Pilgrimes Inne*, and *Scourge-nock*, are left almost vtterly desolate, but that they are once a yeare (at a set day) visited by some *Venetians*; otherwise their thresholds are worne by none but their owne countrimen.

And here I may not ommit one memorable worke, erected vpon mount *Bagracauallo*; it is a goodly, well contriued spittle, both for largenesse, and full furniture: it beareth the name of the *Hospitall of incurable Foolianders*, and was built at the publike charge of the whole countrie, and therevpon is maintained. The Proctor of it, at my beeing there, was one (a) *Gurzoni*, an *Italian*, a man of good prouidence and discretion, and truelie hee hath disposed the almesmen in passing good methode and in decent order. Hether haue diuers colonies

(a) Thus was hee borne that wrote *the Hospitall of incurable fooles*.

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beene sent out of all parts of *Fooliana*.

But for a truth the number of the monasteries in this country, doe very nere exceed the number of the villages: besides which, there is nothing but scruuy sheddes, worse then any *Westphalian* Inne: nor is there any freeholder left in all this countrie: the Cloisters haue got vp all the lands, euery straw-bredth, to make the deities the better cheere. Foure sorts of buildings did I obserue in this soile: Temples, Monasteries, Hospitalls and Cottages: for all those that are not professed cloysterers, are either slaues or beggers. They are all of one religion, mary they cannot tell of what: but professe ignorance, and neglect inquiry, it is inough for them to follow their fore-fathers, and to hold the places whilom belonging to Saints, that is all they care for. In their pace they make continuall crosses; one thigh comming thwart another at euery step, and so makes the forme of a crosse at euery foote of ground they passe: And so likewise do they cary their armes, folded in

crosse-like manner, as if they were all in loues Melancholie. They haue goodly Temples, yet downe vpon their knees will they go in the plaine fieldes, if they spy but any antique face vpon a stone, or an old logge, or so: and then their beades (which they beare vpon strings) must needes rattle some two and fiftie times ouer. There is more Gods belongs to this country, then there is men. *Varroes* nũber of the Romane god's was but halfe an vnite in respect of those. They make them of stone, wood and lome: and some of them augment their deities number, with adoration of horses, hogges, and hounds. Euery daie giues life vnto a new deity: and sometimes yee shall reckon two hundred, made in one Temple vpon one day. And here wee finde the olde *Egiptian* custome receiued, that men, whilest they liue, are naught set by, but dying, they are entombed in honorable sepulture. 800. pounds haue I seene bestowed at one funerall, and none of the greatest mans neither. In this land will I lay my

bones

bones, and I doe here by will and testament, charge mine heires to see me here entombed: and pray that all those that doe either condemne or commend this my description, beyond the desert, bee sent as mourners to accompany my corps to the graue, as likewise all such that shall hereafter bee guilty of immitation thereof. But let vs forward with it.

At those obiects, besides the tapers, incenses, bells, and bables that attend the body, as beneficiall vnto the soules there are two select persons bound by the law to attend the bodie all the way with two blacke silke fannes, to driue away the flies from it, be it in winter when the flies are all dead, and the carcasse not a fart the sweeter, all's one for that, law is law, and must bee allowed.

These *Foolianders* neuer touch any thing, bee it Water, Oyle, salt, Waxe, or Iron, vnlesse it bee first exorcised, and the diuell driuen out of euery corner of it.

They hallow guilt roſes, with great ſollemnity, as they doe alſo in baptizing of their bells, and enſignes. But here is the rareſt miracle that euer nature ſaw or man heard of: In *Wonderſ-field* there is not a ſtone, but can heare, weepe, laugh, mooue, cure diſeaſes, ſweate bloud, and do al that euer was done by the *Semones*, the *Dæmones*, or al the black guard whatſoeuer.

Sectarioua, the ſecond Prouince of Fooliana the Deuout.

Sect. 2.

THe other part of *Fooliana* the *Deuout*, *Sectarioua*, is a county of much variety, but little delight: Euery village, euery houſe has his peculiar faſhion, quite different from the reſt. Nor did I euer ſee, in all my trauells ſuch a multitude of vnruined monuments, as I ſaw here. Here was *Saturnietta*, & the ſeauen *Piramides* (ſomewhat ruined) which the citizens of this ſtate built *(a)* in memory of the 7. Angells that made the world againſt Gods will: then was there *(b)* *Abraxia*,

(a) This was the *Saturnians* opinion.

(b) The *Baſilidians* held that there were 365. heauens, according to the number of the letters contained in the word ΑΒΡΑΞΑΣ

xia, the *Basilidians* seate; wherein there were but iust 365. houses, the townesmen being forbidden by an ancient law, either to increase their number, or diminish it. Nere to this, stands (c) *Gnostico*, wherein there are 30. old weather worne statues, standing al hand in hand: whereof there are eight larger then the rest, all marked with Hebrew characters. Not far from thence is a desert somewhat wooddy wherin the (d) *Elcesaites* or *Ebionites* had their mansions a long time: and here did I see some of the ruined alters whereon they had beene forced to offer sacrifice vnto Idols. On the left hand were the tombes of the (f) *Heracleonitikes*, al moystned with oyle and balsame. And on the right hand was the (g) *Oxhites* valley, where the *Sacred Serpent* had his caue, before which there stood an Altar vpon the which their charmes forced him now and then to shew himselfe. Hard by were the caues of the *Caianists*, (and that is hard by hell they say) and here they kept *Caines Batte*, and *Iudas* his halter, as holie and reuerend

(c) They were called *Gnostikes*, that is, muddy, for the filthinesse of the misteries and so were the *Carpocratians* called: *Iren*, l. 1. c. 24.

(d) *Iren. in ep. ad Euseb.* These held that they might deny their faith in persecution. *Hieron.*

(f) They had a new maner of redeeming their dead with oyle, balsame, water.

(g) They held that Christ was that serpent that deceiued *Euah*: and kept a snake which came forth at Priests incantations, licked of the offrings & then returned to his hold.

reliques. Vpon the banke of the riuer *Higri*, you shall finde the (*h*) Seuerians dish hung vp by a chaine at a piller, the dish out of which those obstinate men did whilom drinke their water.

By this riuer also are the (*i*) Tacians, little cabbins, and lesser tables, and here and there by the (*k*) Montanists fatall cakes, all scattred about: Here also are to bee seene the (*l*) valesians pumy stones, the (*m*) Manichees thorny gardens, the (*n*) Psallians oratories, the (*o*) Patricians gallowes, the (*p*) Ascites vassells, the (*q*) Pattolorinchites statues of Silence, the (*r*) Aquarians cuppes, and all the monuments of antique heresies.

But of all those glorious buildings of antiquity, (*s*) Rhetorius his pallace doth iustly deserue the prick and praise: it

(*h*) These would drinke no wine, but held it to bee brought forth by Satan and the earth *August. de Heres.* (*i*) They held marriage to bee as bad as fornication, & therefore vsed little beds and lesse tables for they eate no flesh. *Aug. ibid.* (*k*) They pricked little infants with kniues and of the bloud and meale, they made themselues communion cakes. *Aug. ib.* (*l*) They held it good seruice vnto God to geld both themselues and strangers. (*m*) They affirmed that all plants had sence, and therefore they would neuer cut vp any thornes or briers, &c. (*n*) These did pray continually, it was incredible (saith *August.*) to heare them, they were also called *Euchites.* (*o*) Those held that the deuill created the flesh: and therefore they did so hate it, that many of them killed themselues. (*p*) Who called themselues new vessells filled with new wine, and hare a barrell about, in their Bacchanalles. (*q*) So called of παττάλος and ῥέγκος: they stopt their mouthes & noses with their fingers, and so professed silence. *Aug.* calleth them *Dactylorenchites.* (*r*) They offred water in the sacrament, insteed of wine. (*s*) This fellow held that all heresies were true doctrine *Philaster.*

it beareth the fashion of all the other, and yet seemes neuertheleſſe to haue a perticular one of the owne.

There are standing yet some of the *(t)* Abelians walls, those that continuallie adopted other mens Children, and vsed to glorie of the pedegrees and statues of such as were none of their owne fathers.

Here is one new cittie, built by a couple of damned vagabonds, *(u) Henrie Nicholas*, and *Danid George*: and here also haue certaine *(x)* Virginian exiles laid a plot for to erect themselues a bodie politique. O all you earthly Potentates, that know the contragious nature of hereſie, and loue to haue your states secured from so dangerous an infection, banish those damnable perturbers of holie peace, vnto this country, and let them take vppe their stations here where they can doe no great mischiefe.

(t) They neuer vsed their wiues carnally, and yet would not liue without them, so that they made willing choise of their neighbours children to inherite their estates. *Aug. ibi.*

(u) The two founders of *Anabaptisme*, or the *Family of loue*.

(x) Certaine English *Brownists*, exiled into *Virginia*.

The state politique of Fooliana, in generall.

Chap. 9.

THe cities of this whole land are either vnder an Aristocraticall gouernment, or a Democraticall. The people choose as many Burguemaisters as they thinke good of: and these must rule, but neither for their yeare, nor their liues, but euen while the people please: If any man of them giue any proofe of somewhat more sound iudgement then the rest, hee is presently put out of office, and banished by Ostracisme. But all these Prouinces do acknowledge one Grand superior, & doe fealty to one chiefe Prince, whose name when I was in those parts, was *Il Baffonio Ottimo Massimo*. His palace is in *Fooliana* the *Fatte*, neere vnto the *Deuout*, and beares the (a) name of *Papagalli*. Hee is as it were a compound of an Emperour and a Priest,

(a) The chamber where the pope is elected.

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wearing a crowne vpon a miter, or a miter in a crowne. There is euer borne before him a key and a sword, the ancient emblemes of Ritches & Power. His Key sheweth that all the *Foolianders* coffers are at his command: his sword, that hee may at his owne pleasure both take from others, and defend his owne. All that come into his presence must kisse his foote, by an ancient custome, begun at first by certaine Kings (long agoe) that were troubled with sores and apostemes on their hands. Hee is not borne but chosen to this dignity, yet not before hee bee very olde, least the people should bee a weary of him (as they are wonderous prone to innouation) ere he were a weary of life. Before Saint *Sapa's* chappell are two seates of Porphiry, wherein hee that is to bee elected must passe a triall of his *Rems* and his *Kes*, ere he bee installed. Hee seldome rides but vpon mens shoulders, to shew that men in respect of him are but as beasts in respect of men. He sittes alway, and goeth abroad alwayes vnder a canopy: tush,

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these are things that others may do also as well as he: let vs here some of his singularities, beyond all others you shall. He neuer askes peny tribute of any subiect he hath, but what they giue willingly, he takes thankfully and spends freely. He decrees nothing against the consent of the meanest counsellor in his state. He makes no lawes, nor keepes any: nor doth he promulgate any decree of continuance, but once within two yeares it is quite out of vse. He vseth his seruants, (yea euen his slaues) with much familiaritie, and when hee list can list them vp aboue the best man in his court. Hee allowes his Parasites to doe euen what themselues thinke good, to breake lawes, to counterfeit coines, or to disperse money stamped with their owne names and faces. I might haue learnt much more matter in this court worthy obseruation, but that I do not loue of all things in the world, to tarry in court longer then needs must: No, I was neuer good courtier, nor (I hope) euer shall be.

Finis lib. 3.

The fourth Booke.

The description of Theeue-ingen.

Chap. 1.

Of the situation thereof.

Theeuingen (a) is bounded on the West with the straite of *Magellanus*, and on the East, with *Pooliana the deuout* & part of *Tenter-belly*. It is a soile so vtterly voide of fertility (excepting one little country) that *Pluto* might rather seeme to haue stolne *Ceres* daughter frō hence then from *Sicily*. Not shepheard, nor husbandman shall yee finde here, would yee seeke your heart out: yet is it not strange that this barren country should neuer-the-lesse haue such aboundance of all necessaries, naye and superfluities also, that it may challenge all the world in a prize of wealth, and (as farre as their naturall fiercenesse

(a) A word compounded of *Theeue*, in English, and *Ingenium* in Latine.

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permitteth) of delicacy too? Take it from me (quoth *Hieremy Ratcliffe*) they may; there is no rariety, nor excellent thing of worth in all the world, but they will haue it, by hooke or by crooke, and if they once get it, yee shall sooner get a fart from a dead man, then fetch it back out of their clouches. The Easterne part is enrichèd by the spoiles of the two *Fooliana's*, the *Fatte*, and the *Denout*: the Westerne, by the treasures of *India*, together with the *Spaniards Caricks* and *(b) Cacaplataes*, for they are the noblest Pyrates of the whole terrestriall Globe. *Assambeg* of *Alexandria*, *Barbarossa*, Captaine *Warde*, and *Tagup Hemskerk*; tush these were all meere *Adalantadoes* of Herring-boates, in respect of the Piraticall spirits this climate affords: I say it and I will stand vnto it.

The whole countrie is deuided into two Signiories: *(c) Robbers-wald* and *Leegerdemaine*: the first of which butts vpon *Fooliana* and an angle of *Tenterbelly*: the latter lyeth more West, and (against all custome of the other Thee-

uingers

(d) As the Spaniard called one of their great Caricks, which sir *Francis Drake* tooke. Her name (quoth he) was *Caca fuego* shite-fire before, but now she may be called *Caca-plata*, that is, shite-siluer.

(c) As there are two species of this trade, theeuery and cousinage

uingers, the wandring Robber (walders) keepes it selfe in the owne bounds: but both of them are barbarous and vtterly inhospitable.

The conditions of the Robber-walders.

CHAP. 2.

ROobberswaldt is diuided from the two *Poolanaes*, by the Fennes, vsually called *Filtching-fennes*, wherein there are more Ilands, or fullas many, as is in the riuer *Rawley* of *Guiana*, made by the turnings of the water. The whole region is so woody and mountainous, that it seemes rather a desart then a place inhabited: and (as *Strabo* saith of a cittie in the world) is to be held fitter for rebellion then habitation. Their (a) language is very crabbed, I could not possibly learne it; onely I obserued some Welsh words, taught them as it seemes by some ancient trauellers of our Westerne Brittons. This Signiorie is indifferent well peopled, but vnder no forme

(a) Of this language there is an excellent exact discouerie made in *Thomas Deckers Bellman*, but in his *Lanthorne and Candle-light*, he hath outstript all the world for variety of knowledge in Canting.

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of rule: each man holds himſelfe borne onely for himſelfe, and ſo liueth obeying and reſpecting himſelfe onely. What he can bereaue another of (by any violence whatſoeuer) is forth-with his owne, as good and lawfull prize: and the more powerfull he growes, the more he is feared, and is attended by the more vnderſharkers that are his followers: they liue all in certaine families, all which giue due obedience to the father of the houſhold and euery one forbeares his own bloud, and robs where he can beſides, freely & without controll. Both the *Fooliana's* had by theſe ſharkers bin long ſince eaten vp, but that the inhabitants are faine to pay yearely a great ſum of money, for their protection all the yeare after. This ranſome (for a kind of ranſome it is) is paid by the principals of *Fooliana*, vnto the chiefe houſholders of *Robberſwalde*.

In bodily ſhape they are like vnto vs, ſauing that all but the Ilanders, haue clawes vpō their hands inſteed of nailes: and this is not onely naturall vnto all the *Robberſwalders*, but euen to the *Liegerdu-*

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maniſts alſo. Vpon the mountaines of this ſoile there breedeth a kinde of people called the *Sbanditi*, and theſe are eſpeciall keepers of *Booty-forreſt* (a frith ſo called) which is of that breadth, that that ſame High Dutch *Hercynian Sherewood*, put Schwartzwaldt, Odenwaldt, Steigerwaldt, Wetterwaldt, Betzenerwaldt, waldt quoth you? nay put all the waldts, welts and gards in *Europe* to it: I tell yee, let one word ſuffice, they all make but a dayes iourney for an Iriſh Lowſe, (bee ſhee neuer ſo ſpeedie) if you meaſure it with this.

No, I will bee as good as my word, and iuſtifie, that if *Hercynia* keepe ten thouſand theeues (as lightlie it doth alwayes,) *Booty-forreſt* ſhall keepe a thouſand thouſand: Baw waw! *Hercynia*? why 'tis a blanket for a Catte, a petty Cock-pitte, nay a very Tobacco-boxe in reſpect of *Booty-forreſt*.

In this country, you ſhall not find any man of ſtate but he keeps a fort: yes verily, all garriſon ſoldiars: neither are their

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fortresses any way beautifull, but they are most iudiciously contriued, both for defence and purueyance: and here, they that liue within keepe all that they purloyne without (and that is no small prize) maugre the beard of haughtie *Zulzemin*. No, they are no Shitilecocks! what they haue theile hold, they are in place, & what's a mans place if hee make no vse of it? Now in the meane while the poore commonalty vntrusse their states and their Port-manuels vnder trees, and lay their noddles close to the stumpe of some ancient Oke; *Sic fuit ab initio* (quoth the Gentleman to the Chandlers sonne) so did your fore-fathers (my maisters) be you neuer so top-heauie now, and so do these honest lads, these true *Tartarians*, that neuer keepe one mansion eight and forty houres. But alas! would this were all: but I must needes goe on. These plaine seeming *Villiacoes* delight in nothing but to lye in waite to make prize of poore passengers, and when they catch them, they strippe them starke naked: they will not

leaue

leaue them a tatter to ſerue for a curtaine to *the worlds propagatour*; yet will they not murther, as the damned, ſouleleſſe, fiend-bred, hell-borne *Italian* theeues do, & thoſe durty, gut-ſwolne, toad-ſprung *Germaines*, (they haue no cauſe indeed, for their fact is not lyable to the lawe) but him that they vnhuske, they doe preſently binde, and carry in ſtate vnto their Dukes court, vnto whom hee muſt ſweare perpetuall obedience and loyaltie: which if hee breake either in running his countrie, or in omitting to practiſe *Pourloynerie* once or twiſe in a moneth, hee is forthwith condemned to commence at *(b) Doctor Stories* cappe: truſted he ſhall be no more, but once truſt vp for all: this law maketh them maruailous mighty: and againe, the *Legerdumaniſts* of late enacted this decree, *That no yonger brother ſhall haue any ſhare in the fathers land*, and this law hath added a great multitude of voluntaries vnto *Robberſ-waldt*, as cannot but appeare to the politique, and him that can ponder it. The *deuout Fooliander*s

(b) Tiborne was built for him, as ſome ſay.

(as I ſaid before) loue croſſes: well they cannot loue them ſo much as theſe hate them. So that though their tribute aſſure them quiet at home, yet if they bee ouer-taken in *Robberſwalde*, farewell *Fooliander*, vp they goe as round as a Iuglers boxe: and the onely cauſe is, they vſe to mock the *Robberſwalders*, by making Iybbets at them with their fingers.

The maine houſholders are continually at diſſention and ciuill warres amongſt themſelues, about iniurious booties, forced from one another: and by my faith ſir, the whole world fares the better by it: for ſhould theſe rogiſh improuers once lay their heads together againſt our world, we might put vp our pipes, the caſe is be-ſhitt, and go caſt our capps at the Moone, for any ſtate that we ſhould holde long: O ſir, vnderſtand me, the caſe is plaine, we were ſure of ruine I grant ye that: and ſo were all that could not ſtand in defence againſt them: but the wiſer ſort of them-ſelues preuent that, by nouſling priuate diſſentions at home.

It is a great commendation of towardneſſe in their children (as (c) *Cæſar* ſaid of the *Germaines*) to bee cunning filtchers, in their young yeares: for this arte they teach them euen from their infancies, in precepts which they call *Hermeticall*: ye ſhall haue the little theeuelings, euen while they ſuck their mothers breſts, to ſteale needles & pence from out of their purſes: but if they either ouer-ſhoote themſelues, & be taken in the maner, by being either too ſlowe handed, or too boiſterous, vp goes their bums incontinent: Now as they grow to yeares, ſo muſt they augment their practiſe, by ſtealing of Geeſe, Ducks, or any ſuch like prouant: nor doth any day paſſe them wherein they do not increaſe their ſtock by one lift or other. If their plot chance to haue any dangerous induction about it, then do they content themſelues with (d) ſtealing a clod from your neighbors land, or a ſtake from his hedge, leaſt their hands ſhould grow out of vſe: this is the ordinary practiſe of ỳ borderers of *Liegerdumaine*: betweene it & *Robbetſwaldt*

(c) *De bello Gallico lib. 6.*

(d) As the Welch man ſtole Ruſhes, onely to keep his hand in vre.

lieth a large heath called (e) *Lyerſ-buy plaine*, of which you ſhall heare more here-after, when we haue paſſed the maritimall coaſts of *Robberſwalat*.

The Pyrates, and ſea-borderers of Robberſ-waldt.

Chap. 3.

THeſe Pirates diſperſe themſelues all along the ſhores of *Magellanus* his ſtraite, on the bankes of *Theeuingen*, and in the Iles of *Filtching-fennes*. Now they know that no ſhip that paſſeth the ſtraite can poſſibly returne back, the current is ſo ſwift, and therefore they ſtoppe the paſſage with chaines and ſhallops, and ſo make prize of all that ſhould paſſe: whereby they that goe this voyage, doe ſeldome or neuer retu ne, more by reaſon of the multitude of theſe Pyrates, then § ſtrength of the oppoſed ſtreame. *Europe* affoords not any ſea-man that knowes his bayes, creekes, tides, ſhelfes, rockes and channells better then theſe

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doe generally: beſides that they ſwim as nimbly and as perfectly as the fiſhes themſelues doe. Their chiefe hauen is called (a) *Kirk-dun*, a towne of no great ſtrength, nor compaſſe: but fraught with as hardie Pirates as Chriſtendome affordes, and with as great ſtore of ſtolne ritches. It is ſituate in that angle of *Robberſwalde* that lyeth iuſt vpon the head of *Filtching-fennes*, ouer-againſt a part of *Tenter-belly*. The ſhores here-abouts, as it is reported, are all ledged with Rocks of the Loade-ſtone, which drawe the ſhips vnto theſe coaſts, that are an incredible diſtance off, and heere they hold them. But the *Kirk-duners* that ſayle out into the maine, and fetch in the merchants, they gette the caſh. And ſtrange it is to ſee how many purchaſes their bolde valour hath borne from ſtrengths ſome-times trebbling theirs: ſome aſcribe this vnto the Magicall *Enſignes* they haue from *Fooliana*, let the reader chooſe whether hee will beleeue them or no. The Cities armes, is the vulture, that feedes as ſhee flyes:

(a) Not *Dun kirke*.

the word, *Fruor nec quieſco*: *Ritch and yet reſtleſſe*: Mantled, Gebles; doubled, ermines.

A little within the mouth of the riuer *Filtching*, is there another towne, called *Port van Berghen*, the Queene and Lady of all thoſe Iles and waters: it taketh tribute of all veſſells that paſſe that way whatſoeuer, they cannot paſſe ere they paye: and beſides, it layeth out great hookes with loade-ſtones vpon them, where-with it angleth for ſhipps, iuſt as wee doe for Pikes, Troutes, and other fiſhes: and where it once ſeazeth, there keepeth it ſure hold. In theſe fens, and in this broade riuer, filled all with Iles, you (*b*) ſhall not finde one cottage, nor one boate: partly in that the people doe chooſe rather to make themſelues and their families neſts in Reeds (which growe heere in a farre larger ſize then thoſe of *India*,) and partly becauſe they are commixt with the *Eolianders* (lying one ſo neere another) whereof there is none but had rather ſwim then ſayle: ſo that they are ſo perfect in that arte,

(*b*) No more then the *Egiptian* Pyrates had in *Heliodorus*, lib. 1.

that

that like to the *Crocodiles*, they liue as much in the water as in the land, and moone as ſwiftly as the ſwifted whirry. And of theſe doe the Nauigators ſtand more in feare, then of the other Pyrates, by much: for theſe come ſuddenly vpon them, and many of them clap to them to the ſhip at once, ſtay her as faſt as if a *Remora* ſtuck to her keele: and then they tumble her with the bottome vpwards and ſinke her, or traile her to a rock, and there wrack her.

How the Author got into this country: Of the Harpies.

CHAP. 4.

BVt the reader may well maruell how I came to learne thus much: and make a queſtion whether any man (that were wiſe) would expoſe himſelfe to ſuch a barbarous nations curteſie: well ſir I preuented all that. Vnderſtand, that the *Fooliander* (*the deuout* I meane) and theſe people hold a Iubylee both together, euery fiftie yeare: during the

which yeare, they are at peace with all the world,& all men are free from feare of the rankeſt theeſe that breathes. At theſe times doe men come hether from all parts of this continent: yet at their comming they do giue ſuch gifts to the inhabitants,that this one yeares peace is more profitable vnto them, then foure yeares filching. Now it was my chance to light here vpon this very yeare: and ſo I and my fellow trauellers had the better meanes to take an exact view of the country. Onely we were in ſome feare of the *Harpies*, as we trauelled: our gold got no peace at their hands. They are (by my troth I know not what; either fowles or diuels) & haue kept here (by report) euer ſince *Zethes* & *Calais* chaſed them out of *Europe*: they build their neſts with ſtrong beames, laying them a thwart ouer the forked armes of huge growne trees: they are faced like owles, backt & bodied like Eſtridges, fethered like Porcupines, beakt and pounced like Eagles. Truely they made me remember the birds that (as (a) one writeth) do keepe in the *Dio-*

(a) *Ariſtot. lib. de mirabi. lib.*

medæan

medaan Iles, which would fawne vpon vpon the *Greekes*, and flie at the faces of all men beſides: Iuſt ſo did the *Harpyes* vſe vs that were ſtangers; they would not touch an inhabitant, but were as familiar with them as tame Pidgeons; but when any of vs came neere them, they would flie vpon vs like fiends: nor can any man paſſe *Booty Foreſt*, but they teare him all to peeces, vnleſſe hee haue a (b) *Carauan*, of *Robberſwalders* for his conuoie.

(b) So doe the Turkes cal the from *Cayro* to Ormus, and the other ports of their traffique.

Of Lyerſ-buy plaine. The natures of the Legerdumaynians. Of Free-purlogne, and Baggſ-death, two Cities.

CHAP. 5.

NOw I come againe to *Lyerſ-burie plaine*, which lieth vpon the Eaſterne verges of *Robberſwaldt* and *Legerdumayne*: beeing (a) a free march vnto them both, there is a riuer runs thorow the midſt of it, called (b) *memento*, which parts the whole plaine into two: and on this riuer, are diuers of the *Liegerdumay-*

(a) As the way by the croſſe was in Camden. *I am free Marchant* as paſſengers may ken.

(b) to Scots, to Brittaines, and to Engliſh men.

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nians townes of garriſons ſeated. I am far miſtaken if I ſaw not here ſome olde monuments of *Pliny*, and *Herodotus*, in this very dale. *Mercurius Gallobelgicus*, has built himſelfe a delicate houſe in the country: and there is a certaine (c) *Cardinall* (an Hiſtorian) that hath layd the foundations of a mighty and ſpacious caſtle in theſe quarters. For euer ſince *Spaine* got the conqueſt of thoſe *Indies* that ioyne vpon this land, the *Liegerdumanians* haue giuen leaue to the *Ieſuites* (thoſe buſy-bauds, that muſt ſcald their lips in the whole worlds pottage) to viſite, and to inhabite this land, which the *Robberſwalders* irruptions had otherwiſe vtterly diſpeopled. Here are many Aſtrology ſchooles, whoſe profeſſors are more in fauour with the *Liegerdumanians*, then any other artiſts whatſoeuer, excepting poets & lawiers. In this very place, did I (better confeſſe here then in a worſe place) ſet vp a ſchoole my ſelfe, and read the lecture of ſpying maruells in the heauens vrinall as methodically as any Star-gazer a' thē

(b) For a lier muſt haue a good memory.

(c) If he doe meane *Baronius*, hee is not farre amiſſe, many ſuppoſe.

all

all: I had my *Ptolomy*, my *Guido Benatus*, my *Bencorat*, my *Zahel*, my *Messahalach*, my *Albohali*, my *Hali Aben Razehell*, al at an inch: and by their prescriptions wrote(d) an infallible prognostication of these present times. These *Liegerdumayniens* are far more sociable (at least more circumspect & secret in their villanies) then the *Robberswalders*; for that which these doe in publike, the *Leigerdumaynians* doe very closely: liuing vnder a law, & a Prince also, called (as I heard) by the name of *Tiberio di Goldē-gripi*: who keepeth state in *Free-purlaine*, a delicate citty in the very inmost edge of *Lyers-burie* plaine: they neuer stir abroad on the day time, but effect all their businesse in the night: they hate the sunne and loue the moone, both with ỹ extreamest of affection. The trees of this soile are naturally so viscous, ỹ no bird can light in them but she is presently taken. The greatest town of trafike in al this tract, is *Baggesdeath* otherwise called (e) *Bolseco*, wherin there are two streetes, *Tongue-street*, and *Pawns-brooke*, which two in my iudgment

(d) Right, for this is but a discouery of *Mundus alteredet idem.*

(e) Of *Bolsa* which is in Spanish, *a purse*; and *Seco*, in Latine *to cut*: *Hieronimus Bolsecus*, that lame rare raskall that wrote the liues of *Caluine* and *Beza*, was the founder of this city.

exceed

exceed all the ſtreetes of any one citty in the world, for largeneſſe, for buildings. *Tongueſtreete* is the *Rendeuous* of all the lawiers, and Cauſe-mongers: *Pawnes-brooke*, of the vſurers, brokers, and taylers.

And ſurely there is no nation vnder heauen ſo ſtored with lawiers as this is: who (as *(f) Plautus* ſaith of one) if they wante meanes of contention, play the ſeed-men, and ſow them themſelues. Our *Weſtminſter*, lay all the Innes of Court, and Chancery to it, is but a very Katherines hall, to the vtter Temple of this ſtreete: and yet, though their number do daily increaſe, it is held notwithſtanding by the beſt politicians of the land, that they cannot continue. For when they haue lickt vp all the whole country (as they haue almoſt done already) they muſt needs lacke clyents, and ſo for want of emploiment goe to law one with another, & by that meanes diſperſe their euill gotten goods amongſt the cõmunalty againe, to leaue their poſterity the meanes of more gainefull trading.

(f) In Penulo.

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The lawiers men are all ſuted in (g) party coloured liueries; to ſignifie that their maiſters are ready to take fees on either ſide. Now as for their emploiment, the vſurers doe make them the moſt of it, togither with the violent riuer *Fraude*, which running amongſt the (h) *Quirkney Iles*, eateth one peece away here, and caſteth it vp, there; and afterward waſheth it from thence, and laies it in a third place; changing his courſe now and then, and taking away one mans whole inheritance, to giue it vnto another, this it is that makes worke for the lawiers.

The Inhabitants are moſt of them (as the High-land men of the Alpes are) troubled with Chowles vnder their chins, called the (i) *Many-chokes*, a malady ſo ordinary amongſt them that they neither care for curing it nor couering it. But here is a ſtrange worke of nature: their skinnes doe naturally attract gold and ſiluer, with as powrefull a ſtrength, as the loadeſtone draweth ſteele, and holds it as faſt: a thing that was neuer ſeene elſewhere, and therefore the

worthier

(g) As the vniuerſity ſhow makers do vſually ſute their paraſites.

(h) Otherwiſe called the *Strophades*, of στρεφω, *to wreſt* or *turne*, thoſe *Quirkneyes* are ſomewhat like our *orkeneyes*, for ſituation, but not not for condition.

(i) *Demoſthenes* his diſeaſe. It raignes here in England, at ſome ſeaſons of the yeare, very powerfully, God knowes, and to the wrack of many an vpright cauſe. *Meliora Deus.*

worthier of record. *Pawnef-brooke* is peopled with all sorts of artificers: Yet they open no shops: but euery one attends the passengers at his owne dore with *what lack yee Gentlemen*, & then if he get a chapman, hee leads him in, and shewes him his wares in priuate. (k) One will shew yee a chaine crusted offer with thin plates of gold; and sweare, that *India* nor *Arabia* did euer afford purer mettall. Another cheates yee with a counterfeite *Musk-cod*: a third with pearles, so rarelie adulterate both for (l) weight, fashion, cleareneſſe, smoothneſſe and biggeneſſe, that you cannot discerne them from true ones: and then hee will shew yee the shells wherein they grew. And here yee shall haue your *Lapidaries*, with gemmes of all sortes; able to delude any eye in the world: the Cyprian Dyamond, the Corynthian Hephestiles, the Sicilian Agat, the Ægiptian Galactites, the Arabian Asbest, the Macedonian Pæanites, the Asian Alabandine, the Indian Berill, the English leat, the Persian Eagle-stone, the

(k) *Clauius Chrysopeia, lib. 1. &c.*

(l) The fiue true trialls of the goodneſſe of pearles. *Plin.*

African

African Chalcedon, the Scithian Smaragde, the Germaine Corneil, the Æthiopian Chrysolite, the Lybian Carbuncle; here they are all ſingularly forged. Apothecaries there are alſo here in great abundance, and theſe do nothing but ſophiſticate receites with their *Succedanea*, & their *quid pro quo*: It would aske a great volum to make a perticular diſcouery of their deceites. But one thing I am amazed at, & grieue at their ſucceſſe herein, they are neuer takē in their falſifications, be they neuer ſo groſſe: nor do they feare any trial of their forgeries, but only that of the fire: When they are tript, they are puniſhed with al ſeuerity: but they haue this preuention for that: they can change their ſhapes, voices, trades & habits, vpō an inſtant, ſo cunningly, that he doth but waſh an *Ethiop* that ſeeketh for him to day that couzend him yeſterday. There is a famous ſchoole in the ſuburbes, where art *Spagirike* (pardon me you Alchymiſts, or blame your ſelues, that haue giuen falſhood ſo good a name) is read vnto the youth of the city.

And,

And here they haue a booke which they hold as holy as the Turkes do their Alcaron, it is called, *The History of Mercury*, (a booke vnknowne to vs) wherein is related, how he in his infancy stole *Neptunes* mace, *Mars* his sword, *Phœbus* his bow and shafts; *Vulcans* tongues, and *Venus* her girdle: and how hee proloind *Ioues* thunder, being as then so young as it seemed *(m)* hee had learnt the art of filtching in his mothers belly. It conteyned furthermore, all the documents of deceite and couſenage whatsoeuer. Teaching the student of it how to picke lockes, how to draw latches, how to treade without noise, how to angle in a lockt chest with a twined thred: how to nim the pence and neuer touch the purse; how to forsweare an ill deede without blushing & a thousand such secrets that I might haue learned but that I cared not for their art *Caballist*. But of all of them, the Inkeepers are the knaues Rampant: so faith lesse, that the traueller dares neither trust his purse vnder his pillow, nor in any Iron casket whatsoeuer,

(m) Lucian.

euer, but muſt bee faine (as (n) the Iewes did, beeing beſieged) to engorge his gold for all the night, and ſeeke it in his cloſe-ſtoole the next morning, it would bee gone elſe euery *Quart d'eſcu*. The villages are inhabited with none but (o) *Millers* and *Taylers*, and vnleſſe you happe here and there to finde ſome ſtragling *Gypſies*.

(n) *Ioſep. de Bello Iudaico.*

(o) The two Emblemes of theeuerie.

Of Lurtch-wit a County in Leger-dumaine.

Chap. 6.

Lvtch-witte a large County, lieth on the weſt of this *Leigerdumaine*, wherein is the cittie *Rigatticra*, new repaired: nere vnto which is mount (a) *Scapula*, a very high hill. A Poet that is a Critique may here finde many ancient monuments. One ſtone I ſaw here whereon were engrauen certain Greeke verſes, (b) ſtolne by *Homere* from *Orpheus* and *Muſæus*. From *Orpheus*, theſe. (c)

(a) *Scapula* ſtole his *Greek Lexicon*, from *Stevens*, and yet durſt avow this. *Hoc ego contendo Lexicon eſſe novum.*

(b) *Iuſtin. Martyr in Protreptico ad Gentes*, and *Cancr. var. Lect. P. 1. c. 3*

(c) *Hom. Iliad. p.*

Μῆνιν ἄειδε θεὰ Δημήτερος ἀγλαοκάρπου.
Ὡς ἐν κύντερον ἦν καὶ ῥίγιον ἄλγο γυναικός.
Οἷον γὰρ τρέφει ἔρνος ἀνὴρ ἐρεθηλὸς ἐλαίης.

And from *Musæus* this.

Χώρῳ ἐν ἐνοπώλῳ. ρ. Ὡς οὐκ αἰνότερον καὶ κύντερον ἄλγο.

I found also many of *Virgils* vpon another stone, which the inhabitants said he had hought of by ẏ knees out of *Homer* and *Hesiod*. Here were also some of *Petrarchs*, nimd from another *(d) Tuscane* Poet: and many other such like monuments. On the South part, lieth *(e) Rapineux*, a plaine all full of rubbish and ruines, which shew that there hath beene many cities there: but they were all pulled down long ago, to build those two magnificent piles, *Penny-patron*, and *Chaffer-kirke*: so that you shall see in this country, many old Churches turned into stables, streetes into pastures, and steeples into priuies. Besides this, the riuer *Fraude* doth continually teare away one peece or other from this part of the country, and laieth it either on the marshes of *Lurtch-wit*, or *(f) Stille-more*.

(d) *Dante*, or *messier Cino*, or *Senuccio*, or some of those times.

(e) It is inhabited with none but Pursuiuants, and Benefice-barterers.

(f) Otherwise called *Neuer-enough*.

Of

Of Still-more. Chap.7.

THis Prouince is in the hands of a monſtrous kinde of men, ſuch as you ſee pictured in *Munſter* and *Maundeuill*, with heads like hogges. They go alwaies vpon their hands and knees, leaſt they ſhould otherwiſe miſſe any thing as they paſſe along the ſtreetes, that were worth the taking vp. Their voice is a kinde of grunting, nor haue they other ſpeach. None may dwell amongſt them, but (a) old folkes. Their youth they doe ſpend in *Booty-forreſt* (if they be valiant) or elſe in *Bagſ-death* Schooles: the inhabitants are all husbandmen, marchants, and mettall-mongers. They do eat earth (as (b) the Wolfe doth when hee is to go to fight) almoſt continually: yet ſome there are that eate nothing at all; but liue vpon the ſight onely of gold and ſiluer. They neuer ſleepe but with their eyes open; herein onely (c) reſembling the Lyon.

They ſerue a God whom they call *Quadagno*, with al ſuperſtitious reuerēce:

(a) *Couetice* is called the old mans euill.

(b) *Geſner. de Quadruped.*

(c) *Idem ibid.*

they neuer goe to their reſt but when they haue ſeene him: nor doe they eate but in his preſence.

Touching the citties of this Prouince, there is *Swine-borow*, a filthy towne, a very ſtincking heape: but then is there *Gatherington*(d) *Hoord-ſterdam*, and *Lock-adolid*, all handſomly built things, marry I could not come to view them within: by reaſon that euery particular citizen in all theſe places hath a priuate key for the gates, to lock at his going in & out, ſo that by this meanes they preuent all ſtrangers acceſſe. The reſidue of this nation liue more like ſwine then men, in the Ilands of *Hoggſ-bourg* and the *Scrapiglias*.

(d) Richer then *Amſterdam* for all that it is called the *Low-countries* ſtore-houſe.

Theſe men, townes, and manners, did I behold, admire, and laugh at: and after 30. *yeares trauell, growing weary of wandring, I returned into my natiue country.*

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